

# THE STATE OF THINGS

Marking an anniversary, and wondering how the industry will move forward

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Oh, right, you want to read about movies. Well, [Jodorowsky's Dune](#) is pretty great, and that [new Marvel picture](#) ain't bad either. But if you're in the mood for something smaller and more local, wander over to Roncesvalles on Sunday afternoon for a 4 pm screening of [The Lost Highway](#) at the [Revue Cinema](#).

A new documentary from Derreck Roemer and Neil Graham, who made the moody [Last Call At The Gladstone Hotel](#) a few years back, [The Lost Highway](#) takes a look at another neglected piece of Ontario culture - specifically, Highway 7.

Once upon a time, Highway 7 was the most direct route from Toronto to Ottawa. But then the Trans-Canada Highway came along, and now much of 7 resembles the stretch of Arizona where the Bates Motel operated in *Psycho*.

Roemer and Graham explore the small town of Arden, north of Kingston, which fell into a depression when the 401 opened up in the 60s and never really recovered. [The Lost Highway](#) profiles the residents of Arden as they try to keep their faltering businesses alive or launch new ones in the face of grim odds. It's not an upbeat documentary, but it's a compelling one, and Roemer and Graham don't condescend to their subjects or their audience.

The filmmakers will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A; if you're the slightest bit interested in the subject matter, you won't want to miss it. This is likely to be the only chance you'll have to see [The Lost Highway](#) on the big screen.