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THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA IS HEADING WEST ON ITS CROSS-CANADA TOUR!

The latest movies from Quebec will be screened in Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson, Kelowna, Nanaimo and Whitehorse from February 3 to 11.

Montreal, January 22, 2018 – La Tournée Québec Cinéma, presented in collaboration with Radio-Canada, is delighted to be back on the road showcasing Quebec's films across Canada. The Tournée will kick off 2018 with visits to several cities in British Columbia, with stops in conjunction with the Victoria Film Festival from February 3 to 6 and Vancouver's Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois et francophone on February 7, as well as a visit to Nanaimo and the Tournée's first-ever stops in Nelson and Kelowna from February 6 to 9. The Tournée will then move on to Whitehorse, Yukon, on February 9 and 10 for the Available Light Film Festival 2018. Artists from Quebec will come along for the adventure, meeting the region's francophone and francophile movie lovers.

THE TOURNÉE'S UPCOMING STOPS

VICTORIA - FEBRUARY 3 TO 6

Thanks to the involvement of the Société francophone de Victoria and the Conseil culturel et artistique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique, the Tournée is proud to be part of the 24th annual Victoria Film

Festival, where it will present a diverse series of screenings. From February 3 to 6, Victoria movie lovers will have the chance to see five recent Quebec-made features: HOCHELAGA, TERRE DES ÂMES by François Girard, with actor Samian in attendance; LES AFFAMÉS by Robin Aubert; ALL YOU CAN EAT BOUDDHA by Ian Lagarde, with actor Sylvio Arriola in attendance; LA PETITE FILLE QUI AIMAIT TROP LES ALLUMETTES by Simon Lavoie, with the director in attendance; and TA PEAU SI LISSE by Denis Côté.

VANCOUVER – FEBRUARY 7

In partnership with the **Conseil culturel et artistique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique**, the Tournée will then head to Vancouver on February 7 to participate in the **24**th **Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois et francophone** with the feature film **LES AFFAMÉS** by Robin Aubert, **with producer Stéphanie Morissette in attendance**. After the event, the Tournée will return to Vancouver twice in the next month for screenings of two more films from Quebec: **LE PROBLÈME D'INFILTRATION** by Robert Morin on February 15 and **IQALUIT** by Benoit Pilon on March 9.

MORE SCREENINGS IN B.C.!

The Tournée is also pleased to visit three more cities in British Columbia: Nanaimo and, for the very first time, Nelson and Kelowna, with the support of the Société francophone de Victoria and the Conseil culturel et artistique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique. During these stops, the Tournée will present, in partnership with the Association des francophones des Kootenays Ouest (AFKO), the Centre culturel francophone de l'Okanagan and the Association des francophones de Nanaimo, screenings on February 6 and 9 of a selection of works produced by the Wapikoni Mobile as well as the feature film **DE PÈRE EN FLIC 2** by Émile Gaudreault.

WHITEHORSE - FEBRUARY 9 AND 10

Continuing its journey all the way to Whitehorse, Yukon, the Tournée, with the support of its partners the **Yukon Film Society** and the **Association franco-yukonnaise**, will participate in the **Available Light Film Festival 2018**. On February 9 and 10, Whitehorse's cinephiles will get to see two recent Quebec films, **LES AFFAMÉS** by Robin Aubert, with producer **Stéphanie Morissette in attendance**, and **LES ROIS MONGOLS** by Luc Picard.

LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA ON TOUR

Joining the Tournée in Western Canada, the **Lab Québec Cinéma** team will visit schools in Victoria and Vancouver to offer young people a unique cinematic experience. On February 2, students at Victor-Brodeur school in Victoria will have the chance to attend a short-film analysis and cinematic adaptation workshop as well as a screening of **AVRIL ET LE MONDE TRUQUÉ** by Christian Desmares and Franck Ekinci. These school-based activities help young people develop their analytical skills and critical faculties, while encouraging curiosity and demonstrating the value of culture in their education. The Lab's activities include workshops, discussions, screenings with commentary, mentorship and master classes. Students at **Victor-Brodeur** school in Victoria, as well as those at **Anne-Hébert school** in Vancouver, will also have the opportunity to attend an **indigenous film appreciation workshop** on February 2 and 5. By watching a selection of short films produced by **Wapikoni Mobile**, the students will discover the talent of indigenous filmmakers and learn more about the diversity of Canada's indigenous nations, languages and cultures. This workshop will be offered free of charge thanks to a partnership with **Wapikoni Mobile**.

Presented in collaboration with **Radio-Canada**, the **Tournée Québec Cinéma** screens Quebec-made films from coast to coast, making it the largest Canada-wide initiative for the promotion of our cinema. Through the **Tournée**, Québec Cinéma gives francophone communities across Canada access to Quebec's movies on the big screen, and provides an exceptional showcase for artists from Quebec and the French-speaking world, enabling up-close interaction with movie lovers everywhere in Canada.

ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

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ABOUT QUÉBEC CINÉMA

Québec Cinéma's mission is to promote Quebec's film industry and its artists, technicians and professionals, and to contribute to the advancement of our cinema. Access to films, education and awareness are core concerns for the organization, which it advances through a rich educational program, the **Lab Québec Cinéma**. The organization produces the three largest showcases for Quebec's films: the **Rendez-vous**, **Tournée** and **Gala Québec Cinéma**, reaching more than 1.5 million people in Quebec and around the world every year.

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