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THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA RETURNS TO MONCTON AND HALIFAX!

Montreal, **March 13, 2018** – The **Tournée Québec Cinéma**, in collaboration with **Radio-Canada**, is delighted to be coming back to Moncton, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia, from March 26 to 29. In collaboration with the **Séries du Festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie (FICFA)**, the Tournée will showcase excellence in Quebec film by inviting Moncton's cinephiles to screenings of some of the province's best movies from the last year. The Tournée will also visit Halifax to run **mentorship workshops** for teachers and cultural outreach workers. The workshops will be led by two women directors, one Québécoise and the other Acadienne.

The Tournée is delighted to be able to show New Brunswickers two first features by Quebec filmmakers as part of the **Séries FICFA**. On March 29, the public is invited to a screening of director Guillaume Lambert's first film **LES SCÈNES FORTUITES**, which had a strong showing at the Quebec box office. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with actress Valérie Cadieux, one of the leads in the film, a bittersweet comedy about the adventures of a young director

who can't seem to finish his film. Later in the evening, director **Jeanne Leblanc** will present her first feature, **ISLA BLANCA**, a beautifully acted drama about a girl's relationship with her mother. Afterwards, the audience is invited to stay for a **Q&A with the director**.

Thanks to the work of the **Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre**, the Tournée is also very pleased to contribute to the professional development of teachers and cultural outreach workers through a series of mentorship workshops. The activities, led by **filmmakers Sarianne Cormier** and **Francine Hébert**, will take place from March 26 to 29 at École du Carrefour in Dartmouth, N.S. Quebec director and actress Sarianne Cormier, who appeared in *L'affaire Dumont* by Podz and *Les Scènes fortuites* by Guillaume Lambert, is the director of the short films *Les Vestiges, La Volupté* and *Les Années-Lumière*. Acadian director Francine Hébert worked as a journalist, scriptwriter, researcher, television presenter and assistant director before making her first documentary short, *Cafétéria*, in 2015 with the National Film Board of Canada. The film won awards at the FICFA 2015, the Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois 2016 and the Prix Éloizes 2016. The two directors will share their knowledge of filmmaking and discuss their work process, to better equip workshop participants for their future activities.

LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA ON TOUR

While the Tournée is in Nova Scotia, the **Lab Québec Cinéma** will visit École du Carrefour in Dartmouth and École du Sommet in Halifax to bring a unique cinematic experience to students at both schools. On March 27, the students will see **AVRIL ET LE MONDE TRUQUÉ** by Christian Desmares and Franck Ekinci, followed by a short-film analysis workshop and critical discussion.

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.

THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA DURING SÉRIES FICFA IN MONCTON:

March 29, 7 p.m. – Salle Bernard-LeBlanc, Aberdeen Cultural Centre

Les scènes fortuites by Guillaume Lambert, with actress Valérie Cadieux in attendance

March 29, 9 p.m. – Salle Bernard-LeBlanc, Aberdeen Cultural Centre

Isla blanca by Jeanne Leblanc, with the director in attendance

Schedule and details: <u>quebeccinema.ca</u>.

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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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