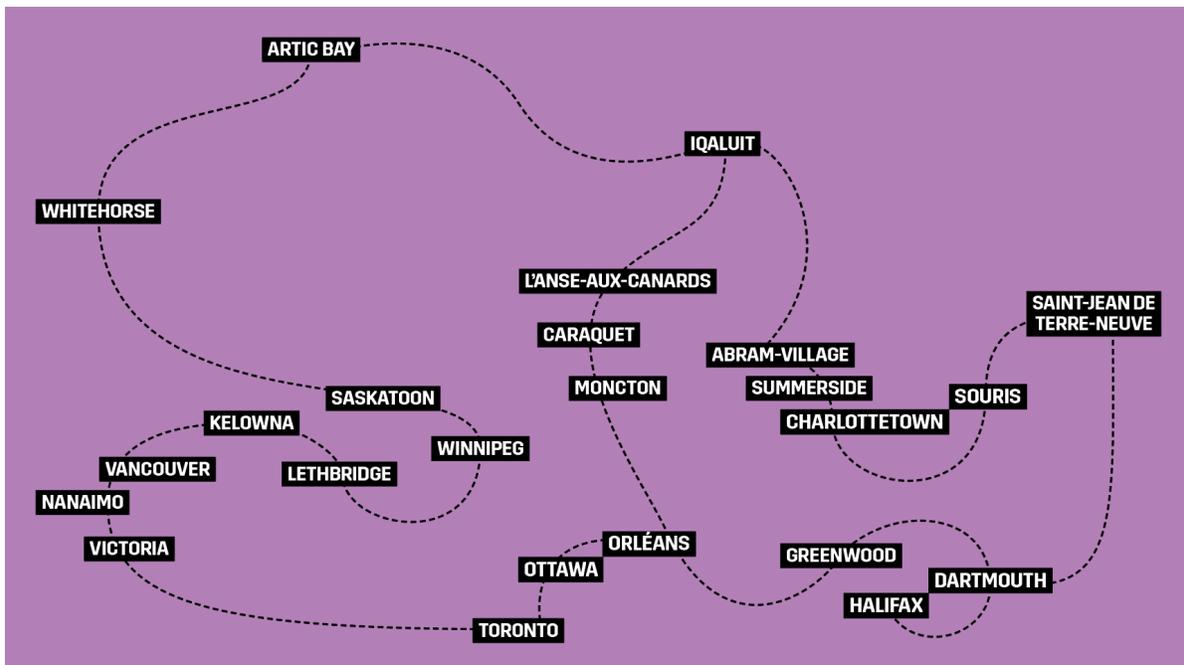


TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA

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15 YEARS ON THE ROAD: LA TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA BRINGING QUEBEC'S FILMS TO EVERY PART OF CANADA



Montreal, October 11, 2018 – With its 15th season well under way, the **Tournée Québec Cinéma**, in collaboration with **Radio-Canada**, is pleased to announce that it will, for the first time in its history, visit every province outside Quebec, as well as two territories. Thanks to the support of the Canada Council for the Arts, the Tournée has added three new stops to its itinerary – Saskatchewan, Alberta and Yukon – and will be able to increase the number of films and guests for its visits to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador. More than ever, the Tournée is proud to be **Canada's biggest showcase for Québécois, Franco-Canadian and Indigenous films**.

“For the last 15 years, the Tournée has allowed Québec Cinéma to fulfill its mission of showcasing Quebec's films everywhere in Canada. Beyond screenings, our events are unique opportunities to bring people together around French-language films, engage in dialogue with the audience, and forge strong ties that enrich the cultural lives of francophones and francophiles everywhere in Canada,” said Ségolène Roederer, executive director of Québec Cinéma.

Most francophone communities outside Quebec lack regular access to big-screen showings of films from Quebec. That is why the Tournée works to enhance the programs of established festivals and to contribute to the cultural offerings available to francophone communities in towns and cities across Canada.

“Each year, the Tournée’s importance to Canada’s cultural landscape is reaffirmed. Year after year, the itinerary is extended with new destinations, and we program a wide variety of films that audiences appreciate. It all leads to inspiring gatherings, thanks to the generosity of the artists who accompany their films,” added François Lemieux, director of the Tournée and the Lab Québec Cinéma.

Since its inception, the Tournée has travelled more than 170,000 kilometres, bringing Quebec’s films and francophone culture to audiences. On its journeys, the Tournée has screened more than 700 films representing every genre, introduced 450 artists working in several film disciplines to audiences, and reached 107,000 spectators across Canada. And that’s not all! The Tournée has launched its 15th season with plans to visit more than 30 cities and towns in every part of Canada.

HIGH CALIBRE GUESTS

Several well-known artists will be part of this year’s Tournée, sharing their passion with francophones and francophiles who appreciate Quebec’s films. The first guests to be announced include filmmakers **François Bouvier** and **Ricardo Trogi**, writer **Nicole Bélanger** and actors **Juliette Gosselin**, **Marianne Fortier**, **Carla Turcotte**, **Pierre-Luc Brillant** and **Jean-Simon Leduc**. The Tournée gratefully acknowledges the commitment and generosity of its guests, who help make the experience a unique one for cinephiles everywhere.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

Over the years, the Tournée has evolved and grown thanks to an exceptional network of partners, festivals and other contributors, all of whom are dedicated to ensuring the vitality of cultural life in francophone communities everywhere in Canada. The Tournée Québec Cinéma team extends sincere thanks to all the francophone associations, festivals, collaborators, distributors, producers, guests and artists, and everyone else who helps make the Tournée such a tremendous success.

FIRST STOPS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | SOURIS, CHARLOTTETOWN, SUMMERSIDE & ABRAMS-VILLAGE

From October 4 to 8, the Tournée launched its 15th season by visiting four Prince Edward Island communities. The tour gave Islanders free screenings of *La Bolduc* by François Bouvier, *Les rois mongols* by Luc Picard, with writer Nicole Bélanger present, *Nelly et Simon: Mission Yéti* by Nancy Florence Savard and Pierre Greco, and *C’est le coeur qui meurt en dernier* by Alexis Durand-Brault.

ONTARIO | TORONTO

From October 5 to 13, as part of **Cinéfranco!**, the Tournée made a first stop in Toronto to present three feature films: *Origami* by Patrick Demers, *La Bolduc* by François Bouvier, and the comedy *1991*, with director Ricardo Trogi present. The Tournée will make another stop in Toronto in the spring of 2019.

UPCOMING STOPS

MANITOBA | WINNIPEG & SAINT-BONIFACE

From October 19 to 28, as part of **Cinémental**, the Tournée will present:

→ October 19

Pieds nus dans l'aube by Francis Leclerc, with actress Marianne Fortier present

→ October 20

Chien de garde by Sophie Dupuis, preceded by the short film *Une tête disparaît* by Franck Dion
Dans la brume by Daniel Roby, preceded by the short film *Bulletin spécial* by Yousra Benziane

→ October 21

1991 by Ricardo Trogi, with actress Juliette Gosselin present

→ October 27

La chute de Sparte by Tristan Dubois, with the director present, preceded by the short film **Petit poulet** by Nicolas Legendre

La Bolduc by François Bouvier, with the director present

→ October 28

Les faux tatouages by Pascal Plante, preceded by the short film **Rubans** by Torill Kove

ONTARIO | ORLÉANS & OTTAWA

November 8 to 11, during the **Objectif Cinéma** festival organized by the Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans (**MIFO**), the Tournée will present:

→ November 8

Chien de garde by Sophie Dupuis, with actor Jean-Simon Leduc present

Charlotte a du fun by Sophie Lorain

→ November 9

Le nid by David Paradis, with actor Pierre-Luc Brillant present

→ November 10

La chute de Sparte by Tristan Dubois

Sashinka by Kristina Wagenbauer, with actress Carla Turcotte present

→ November 11

1991 by Ricardo Trogi

LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA JOINS THE TOUR

Lab Québec Cinéma will take advantage of the Tournée's Ottawa stop to visit students at several high schools in the region. Students at De La Salle high school in Ottawa, Collège St-Alexandre and Versant high school in Gatineau, Béatrice-Desloges high school and St. Peter's High School in Orléans will have the chance to attend several workshops and screenings offered by the Lab's team.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR | ST. JOHN'S

NOVA SCOTIA | HALIFAX, GREENWOOD & DARTMOUTH

The Tournée's crew will close out 2018 in Atlantic Canada, with visits to communities in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. It will be back on the road in 2019, stopping in Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Yukon and Nunavut.

Visit our website to find out when the Tournée will be in your neighbourhood! quebeccinema.ca

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Canada Council for the Arts for its support. Last year, the Council invested \$153 million to bring the arts to Canadians throughout the country.

ABOUT LA TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA

La **Tournée Québec Cinéma** tours Quebec-made movies from coast to coast, making the event the largest Canada-wide promotional vehicle for our films. Because most francophone communities outside Quebec lack access to big-screen showings of films from Quebec, the Tournée's activities enhance established festivals and enrich communities' French-language cultural offerings. Each year, several artists join the tour, making it an exceptional event for francophones and francophiles who love our movies.

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