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# THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA A STOPOVER IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND!

**Montréal**, **November 7**, **2018** – The **Tournée Québec Cinéma**, in collaboration with **Radio-Canada**, is proud to make a stopover in St. John's, Newfoundland. From November 14 to 17, moviegoers will be able to take advantage of the visit to get their fill of Québec cinema and a selection of the latest short films from **Wapikoni Mobile**. Special guests will also be on hand to meet the public and answer questions.

The screenings start on November 14 with **Serge Giguère's** *Les lettres de ma mère*, a tender documentary on the day-to-day life of a typical Québec family in the 1950's. **The director will be present** to answer questions after the screening. On November 15, moviegoers will be able to discover some of the latest works by young First Nations and Inuit filmmakers – original films made with the help of **Wapikoni Mobile** shot in Aboriginal communities across the country. The next day, it will be director **Pascal Plante**'s turn to present his latest feature, *Les faux tatouages*, and answer questions. The filmmaker received the award for Best Director at this year's Rhode Island Film Festival and Best Screenplay at the last Vancouver Film Critics Circle. Finally, concluding this Newfoundland stopover, a screening of *La Bolduc*, a film following the career and family life of Gaspesian singer, Mary Travers. Presented as part of the Festival du Vent, the film will be presented **in the presence of the director, François Bouvier**.

The Newfoundland leg of the tour is made possible by the Réseau culturel francophone de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador (FFTNL), the Association communautaire francophone de Saint-Jean (ACFSJ), Memorial University, NIFCO, the Nickel Film Festival, the Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador (CFSP), Fédération des parents francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador and the newspaper Le Gaboteur.

## LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA JOINS THE TOUR

The **Lab Québec Cinéma** team will take advantage of the visit to provide a unique cinematic experience to groups of young Newfoundlanders. On November 15 and 16, students from École Rocher-du-Nord will be able to enjoy a special program of **Wapikoni Mobile** short films. At the Centre scolaire et communautaire des Grands-Vents, youngsters will have the chance to watch Nancy Florence Savard's film *La légende de Sarila*. Finally, the film *Nelly et Simon : Mission Yeti* by Nancy Florence Savard and Pierre Greco will be presented to the schoolchildren of Grands-Vents Elementary School. The Lab's activities will help young people to develop their analytical and critical skills all the while promoting culture through workshops, commented screenings and film lessons.

## **15 YEARS OF TOURNÉE**

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! For this 15<sup>th</sup> season, the Tournée team will bring Quebec's films to audiences in every Canadian province outside Quebec, as well as two territories, for the first time.

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

THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, PRESENTS:

## NOVEMBER 14 | MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, ROOM A-1043

7.30PM

Les lettres de ma mère by Serge Giguère, in presence of the director

## NOVEMBER 15 | NIFCO - RED HOUSE

7.30PM The Wapikoni Mobile program | A selection short films from 2018

7.30PM NOVEMBER 16 | MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, ROOM A-1043

Les faux tatouages by Pascal Plante, in presence of the director

## NOVEMBER 17 NOVEMBRE | THÉÂTRE DES GRANDS-VENTS

#### **7.30PM** *La Bolduc* by François, in presence of the director Presented as part of the Festival du Vent.

Hours and details <u>quebeccinema.ca</u>.

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#### **ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

The Tournée Québec Cinéma is presented in collaboration with Radio-Canada and made possible by Bell Média through tangible benefits. Québec Cinéma thanks the governments of Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Nunavut and Ontario as well as its primary partners: Radio-Canada, MELS, Akufen and VIA Rail. Thanks to our public-sector and government partners: the Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes (SQRC), the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (SODEC) and Telefilm Canada. The Tournée also thanks the 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 THE 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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