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THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA VISITS SASKATOON EXCLUSIVE FILMS AND QUEBEC FILMMAKERS ON TOUR



Montreal, January 15, 2019 – From **January 24 to 26**, The **Tournée Québec Cinéma** will visit **Saskatoon** to screen several short and feature films by Québécois and Indigenous filmmakers for the area's cinephiles. The initiative launched 15 years ago, remains the biggest French-language film event in Canada outside Quebec, with many films presented in exclusive screenings. The 2019 tour is also bringing accomplished filmmakers to its screenings to field questions from the audience.

EXCLUSIVE SCREENINGS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

La Tournée Québec Cinéma helps promote francophone culture across Canada. In keeping with its mission, it will present several recent films, most of which have never before been screened in **Saskatoon**. This 2019 edition is sure to delight audiences with its high-quality programming. Several well-known filmmakers have also announced that they will accompany the Tournée this year to meet local francophones and share their passion for film. The artists include director **Jeanne Leblanc**, who will appear by videoconference for a Q&A about her film *Isla Blanca*, a poetic, intimate first film starring the charismatic Charlotte Aubin and Théodore Pellerin. Director **Pascal Plante** will be on hand to present his film *Les faux tatouages*, which just won an award at Montreal's Festival du Nouveau Cinéma. Lastly, two

animated films by **Nancy Florence Savard** will be part of this year's program: *La légende de Sarila* and her most recent project, *Nelly et Simon: Mission Yéti*, co-directed by **Pierre Greco**. The two films are a fine showcase for Quebec's animation talent, and both are sure to delight children.

In light of recent government cutbacks, the Tournée is particularly grateful to the **Cinergie Festival in Saskatoon**, the **Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon** and the **Roxy Theatre** for their commitment and support. Québec Cinéma also thanks the artists who are travelling with the Tournée to promote francophone culture across Canada.

THE TOURNÉE TURNS 15

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. This 15th season, already well under way, will keep showcasing Quebec's films throughout 2019 in every Canadian province outside Quebec, as well as Yukon.

At the same time, the Lab Québec Cinéma will visit schools in Western Canada to present workshops and discussions for students. In just over 15 years, Québec Cinéma's educational activities have reached some 80,000 primary, secondary and cégep students with nearly 450 films and hundreds of opportunities to talk film with industry professionals.

RAISING AUDIENCE AWARENESS OF INDIGENOUS CINEMA

For the last three years, La Tournée Québec Cinéma has presented films produced by the **Wapikoni Mobile**, an initiative that has earned well-deserved success. For this project, the Tournée presents short films by First Nations filmmakers, with the aim of raising audience awareness of a still relatively unknown filmmaking community. There are also Q&A sessions with indigenous filmmakers.

LA TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA IN SASKATOON:

JANUARY 24 | ROXY THEATRE

7 p.m.

Isla Blanca by Jeanne Leblanc (**videoconference Q&A**)

9 p.m.

Les faux tatouages by Pascal Plante, **who will attend**

JANUARY 25 | ROXY THEATRE

9:30 a.m.

La légende de Sarila by Nancy Florence Savard

Wapikoni mobile Shorts movies selection

JANUARY 26 | ROXY THEATRE

1 p.m.

Nelly et Simon : Mission Yéti by Nancy Florence Savard and Pierre Greco

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ABOUT THE TOURNÉE QUÉBEC CINÉMA

The **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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