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Announcing Global Roots Film Festival: Québec

Burlington, VT: (March 13, 2017): The Vermont International Film Foundation is pleased to announce the 2017 Global Roots Film Festival: Québec. The festival will take place April 7-9, at Contois Auditorium in downtown Burlington. It will feature a panorama of films from our neighbors to the North.

Daily receptions sponsored by Penny Cluse Café, Honey Road Restaurant and Zero Gravity Brewers.

Overview:

Global Roots was launched as a film series by VTIFF in 2013 as a means of bringing great films from the countries of many of the New American communities in Vermont, to foster a greater understanding of our diverse cultures. Part of VTIFF's mission is to work with and for the community, and the 16 films shown between 2013 & 2015 as part of Global Roots reflected the richness and diversity of the population. Since 2016, the Series was transformed into 3-day festivals that allow us to present a particular focus on theme, country or subject.

Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

7:00pm - Pays (Boundaries)

Directed by Chloé Robichaud | Fiction | 2016 | 100 min

Three women find themselves at odds when corporate and community interests clash in this wry political comedy.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

12:00pm - Ladies & Gentlemen, Mr. Leonard Cohen (w/ The Street and Next Floor)

Presented by VT PBS & RETN

Directed by Donald Brittain & Don Owen | Documentary | 1965 | English | 45 min

Directed by Caroline Leaf | Animation | 1976 | 10 min

Directed by Denis Villeneuve | Fiction | 2008 | 11 min

Three shorts, including an Oscar-nominated animation, an early work by Denis Villeneuve, and a 1965 portrait of poet/songwriter Leonard Cohen.

1:45pm - Ninth Floor

Directed by Mina Shum | Documentary | 2015 | 81 mins

An unflinching inquiry into the infamous and fiercely contested Sir George Williams Riot, a watershed moment in Canadian race relations.

4:00pm - Québec My Country Mon Pays

Directed by John Walker | Documentary | 2016 | 89 min

Acclaimed director John Walker explores the linguistic and cultural divides within Québec that have spanned multiple generations and continue today.

Walker will be in attendance for the screening.

7:00pm - Corbo

Directed by Mathieu Denis | Fiction | 2014 | 119 min

Based on a true story, Mathieu Denis' absorbing, assured drama tells the story of Jean Corbo, an idealistic teenager who joins the FLQ in the 1960s.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

12:00pm - Waban-aki: People from Where the Sun Rises

Directed by Alanis Obomsawin | Documentary | 2006 | 104 min

An informative, multi-faceted look at the culture and history of the Abenaki people of the Odanak area in Québec.

2:15pm - Félix & Meira

Directed by Maxime Giroux | Fiction | 2014 | 105 min

Worlds collide as a hesitant romance blossoms between a young Hasidic housewife and mother and a French Canadian man lost in mourning.

4:30pm - D'Encre et de Sang (Of Ink and Blood)

Directed by Francis Fortin, Alexis Fortier Gauthier & Maxim Rheault | Fiction | 2016 | 82 min.

When a renowned author is killed outside a bookstore in Montréal, three different lives are set spinning in a web of secrets.

7:00pm - Paul à Québec

Directed by François Bouvier | Fiction | 2015 | 98 min

Based on the award winning comic strip by Michel Rabagliati, *Paul à Québec* is a touching look at familial bonds and the process of farewells.

Some of the films in this festival are in French, some in English, many in both. When not in English, dialogue is subtitled.

Links to High res stills:

Felix & Meira: http://vtiff.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/IMG_2102_2.jpg

Québec My Country Mon Pays: <http://vtiff.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/John-Walker-at-Mount-Royal-lookout1.jpg>

Paul a Québec: <http://vtiff.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Paul-jour6-054-1.jpg>

Boundaries (Pays): http://vtiff.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Paul-jour20_064.jpg

The Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) is a cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the community through film. VTIFF operates year-round and showcases community film screenings, supports programming like the Global Roots Series, the Burlington Film Society and VTIFF For Schools, as well as supporting Vermont filmmakers. VTIFF celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2015. The largest program of the Foundation is the annual Vermont International Film Festival, best known for featuring groundbreaking and independent films from around the world and Vermont. The festival also includes the Vermont Filmmakers' Showcase™, the largest juried selection of Vermont-made films. More information at www.vtiff.org.

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