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Canal D Offers a 10 000\$ Bursary to One Selected Francophone Project at Doc Circuit Montréal's Talent Lab

Montreal, Thursday, October 8, 2015 – The **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** and **Doc Circuit Montreal (DCM)** are delighted to announce that the television channel **Canal D** will offer a 10 000\$ bursary to a selected Canadian francophone project presented at the **Talent Lab** in commemoration of the channel's 20th anniversary. The bursary will be awarded on Monday November 16th during the opening cocktail that kicks off Doc Circuit Montreal's professional market held from November 16-18.

The **Talent Lab** is an initiative of Doc Circuit Montreal, held from November 14-16. For this second edition, the Talent Lab will select a group of 40 emerging Canadian filmmakers following an application process. They will be invited to three full days of specialized conferences and exploratory workshops with a roster of artists and experts from RIDM and Doc Circuit Montreal programmes. Sessions will touch on the intricate aspects of being a documentary filmmaker today: the issues and ethics of using reality as a medium, and insider advice on how to best integrate understand and utilize both traditional and innovative industry structures.

The Talent Lab workshops will be moderated by producer, consultant and former Hot Docs director of programming **Sean Farnel** and by the award-winning producer **Isabelle Couture** (*The Amina Profile*). The call for submissions is open until October 18th.

Quebec-based television channel Canal D will offer the 10 000\$ bursary over the course of three years. **Jean-Pierre Laurendeau**, Canal D's Senior Programming Director and DCM figurehead for many years, is enthusiastic to see the channel support new documentary creation.

The DCM Talent Lab initiative is generously made possible by the Canada Council for the Arts.

About RIDM

Quebec's only film festival dedicated to documentaries, the Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM) presents the best reality-based films, including the works of established directors and new talents.

About Doc Circuit Montréal

Doc Circuit Montréal is North America's only bilingual documentary market. Every year, more than 300 industry professionals gather at Doc Circuit Montreal to explore their shared interest in innovative projects and the issues facing documentary filmmakers. The 11th edition will take place on November 14-18, 2015, at the former Academy of Fine Arts, 3450 St-Urbain Street.

RIDM's 18th edition runs from November 12-22 2015.

Information: www.ridm.qc.ca / info@ridm.qc.ca

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Call for submission to DCM Talent Lab 2015:

<http://www.ridm.qc.ca/en/doccircuitmontreal/edition2015/talentlab>

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