

RIDM and DCM welcome 4 new members to the Board of Directors

Montreal, Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – The Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM) and its documentary market, Doc Circuit Montreal (DCM), is pleased to welcome four new members to the Board of Directors: **Annie St-Pierre, Lesley Johnstone, Ginette Dépelteau** and **Coryell Boffy**.

"These four new people will bring new perspectives and new ideas to the board," said the Chair Sarah Spring. "As many artists as there are people from the business community, each in their own way will help the RIDM, and DCM, grow and affirm itself. All have a love for the documentary and will be ambassadors for talent in our community. I look forward to working with them and I am sure I will learn a lot. "

RIDM and DCM Executive Director **Mara Gourd-Mercado** was also very enthusiastic at the announcement of these new arrivals who, she says, will *"bring new energy and help the strategic positioning and growth of the festival on the eve of its 20th anniversary."*

Graduating with a Bachelor of cinema from UQAM, **Annie St-Pierre** is a documentary filmmaker. In 2003, RIDM screened her first film, *Jean-Pierre Ronfard: sujet expérimental*. Ten years later her film, *Fermières*, was shown at the closing ceremony. She is currently working on a new documentary project.

First a curator at the Montreal Musée d'art contemporain, in 2015 **Lesley Johnstone** was made Head of Exhibitions and Education. She was artistic director of the Jardins de Métis' International Garden Festival from 2003 to 2007, and Head of Publications at the Canadian Centre for Architecture from 1998 to 2003.

Ginette Dépelteau is Senior Vice president of Compliance and Responsible Investment at the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec. After studying communications at the Université du Québec à Montréal, she obtained a law degree at the Université de Montréal in 1988 and was admitted to the Quebec Bar the following year. Since 2010, she has an MBA in finance.

Coryell Boffy is Project Manager of International Organizations at Montreal International. He is also a lecturer in sustainable development and international projects, and serves on the board of GUEPE, a non-profit organization offering young and old alike educational and professional services in natural sciences and the environment.

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

The 19th annual RIDM will take place from November 10 to 20, 2016.

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