

For immediate release

RIDM+ APRIL

UNDER THE SUN
by Vitaly Mansky

Thursday, April 27 at 8 p.m., Cinéma du Parc



Montreal, Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – RIDM+, presented by the **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)**, continues its January-to-May series of five monthly screenings of high-quality recent and classic auteur documentaries. For its April film, the RIDM is pleased to present the Quebec premiere of the unforgettable and unsettling documentary ***Under the Sun*** by Vitaly Mansky on **Thursday, April 27 at 8 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc**.

Young Zin-mi, 8, clearly loves life. She's a model student who is preparing diligently with her cohorts at the Children's Union for a grand celebration of the late leader Kim Jong Il's birthday. With her happy middle-class parents by her side, her daily life is filmed for a full year – under close state supervision.

A documentary initiated and approved by the North Korean government, ***Under the Sun*** is the work of a patient and meticulous filmmaker with a keen eye for the smallest cracks in a well-oiled system that never stops trying to make him conform to its demands. Between constant meddling from authorities, who force him to re-shoot scenes, and increasingly obvious signs of fatigue on Zin-mi's face, ***Under the Sun*** not only shows life inside North Korea but the gradual, inevitable and heartbreaking transformation of a little girl into a tool of the state.

The **RIDM+** series is presented by Télé-Québec.

Under the Sun, directed by Vitaly Mansky

Russia, Latvia, Germany, Czech Republic, North Korea | 2016 | 106 minutes

In the original Korean, with English subtitles

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/153948455>

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Purchase tickets online: <http://bit.ly/2oqWWRq>

On the last Thursday of every month, the **RIDM+** series, presented by the Montreal International Documentary Festival, gives film lovers the opportunity to see a high-quality documentary, including recent hits from the festival circuit and classics of the genre. It is a rare chance to see these films on the big screen in Montreal, and an opportunity to meet the filmmakers or attend a special presentation given by an expert on a film's subject matter.

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 20th annual RIDM will take place from November 9 to 19, 2017.

The festival is accepting submissions until May 31.

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