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TALENT LAB CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS Open from September 19 to October 7

Montreal, September 19, 2016 – **Doc Circuit Montréal (DCM)** is delighted to announce that the highly anticipated Talent Lab will take place again this year. This third edition will invite a select group of forty emerging and mid-career Canadian filmmakers to three full days of specialized conferences and exploratory workshops with a roster of artists and experts from the RIDM and Doc Circuit Montreal programs.

The **Talent Lab** will take place from **November 12-14, 2016** - on the final day, Monday November 14, Talent Lab sessions will combine with DCM industry programs to encourage cross-pollination between emerging and established creators. A tailor-made mentorship program will also be offered to seven selected filmmakers.

Emerging and mid-career filmmakers with projects in development or in production are invited to apply from now until October 7. All documentary projects are welcome - from shorts to series, to feature length, factual to experimental, linear to interactive.

One Talent Lab participant from outside Quebec will receive the **Peter-Wintonick Travel Grant**, generously offered by members of the Montreal documentary community in honour of Peter's legacy. Doc Circuit Montréal would like to thank Parabola Films, EyeSteelFilm, Bunbury Films, Catbird Productions and Cinema Politica.

Doc Circuit Montréal also delighted to announce that the television channel **Canal D** will offer a **10 000\$** development grant to a selected Canadian francophone project presented at the **Talent Lab**. The bursary will be awarded by **Jean-Pierre Laurendeau**, Canal D's Senior Programming Director, on November 14 during the opening cocktail that kicks off Doc Circuit Montréal's professional market held from November 14-16.

The full lineup of remarkable guests and mentors will be announced soon. All the information will be available on Doc Circuit Montréal's <u>website</u> and <u>newsletter</u>.

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

<u>Accreditations are on sale</u> until November 1st. For more information, visit DCM's website: <u>www.doccircuitmontreal.ca</u>

About Doc Circuit Montréal

Doc Circuit Montréal is North America's only bilingual documentary market. Every year, more than 450 industry professionals gather at Doc Circuit Montreal to explore their shared interest in innovative projects and the issues facing documentary filmmakers. The 12th edition will take place on November 12-16, 2016, at the former Academy of Fine Arts, 3450 St-Urbain Street.