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## CALL FOR PROJECTS: CUBAN HAT PITCH



**Montreal, Monday, July 16, 2018 - Doc Circuit Montreal (DCM)** is excited to announce the call for projects launch for the **Cuban Hat Pitch**, taking place during the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the RIDM's industry forum. Established as well as emerging producers and directors are invited to submit their documentary film projects **by September 3**. With several prizes awarded by the industry and the audience, the Cuban Hat Pitch is a festive and significant part of the DCM calendar.

### **CUBAN HAT PITCH**

For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, **Doc Circuit Montreal** and the Montreal based coop **MAKILA** will present the Cuban Hat Pitch. Ahead of the event that will take place on **November 12** and following a call for submission, five projects will be selected by a committee of experts, followed by an online public vote held for one week. Each team will then be invited to pitch their projects in front of a live audience and a prestigious jury to win numerous cash and service prizes, generously offered by our partners. All finalists will take part in a three-day pitch training and receive a DCM accreditation for the entire forum. Any unfinished linear, series, interactive or virtual reality documentary project are welcome to submit.

This year, the DCM's hat contains **more than \$33,000** in cash and services, and continues to seek partnerships. Bringing the film community together (project creators, industry professionals and audience), the prizes also support the production of successful films. The full list of prizes can be found online and will continue to grow until the event.

## Important Dates :

- Last day to submit projects: September 3, 2018
- Pitch training with [Makila](#): September 29, October 13 and November 9
- Audience vote on [cubanhat.tv](#): November 1<sup>st</sup> to 11
- Cuban Hat Pitch Event: November 12

## Eligibility :

- Open to all Canadian filmmakers (citizens and permanent residents) \*
- Open to all types of documentary projects, including hybrid films
- Open to all types of projects, every stage of production, every genre, format and media
- **Final Submission Date: September 3, 2018**

*\*Filmmakers living outside of Montreal are encouraged to send their project submissions but will be responsible for all costs related to travel and lodging.*

## Our confirmed partners of the 2018 Cuban Hat Pitch:

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Thank you to Makila and all of our Cuban Hat Pitch partners.

## About [Doc Circuit Montréal](#)

Every year, Doc Circuit Montreal offers an intensive program combining industry gatherings and professional development. Doc Circuit Montreal's 14<sup>th</sup> edition will take place from November 10 to 14, 2018.

## About [MAKILA](#)

Makila is solidarity based non-profit coop with a mission to create, produce and distribute participatory media projects in a spirit of collaboration and reciprocity.

To find out about more about project admissibility and submission, please consult our website:

<http://bit.ly/CubanHatPitch18>

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