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## CALL FOR PROJECTS: FIRST PITCH

**Montreal, Monday, August 13, 2018** – Doc Circuit Montreal (DCM) is proud to announce the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the **First Pitch**. The event brings together Quebec's emerging filmmakers with well-established documentary film producers from the industry to network and build relationships. Two days of intensive training and pitching will take place October 3 and 10, 2018.

- 10 Quebec based emerging filmmakers
- 10 established documentary film producers
- Pitch training with EyeSteelFilm's Mila Aung-Thwin on October 3
- Day of pitches and meetings on October 10

The event will take place at the ARRQ Association des réalisateurs et réalisatrices du Québec.

We encourage all Quebec based emerging filmmakers to send their applications by September 16, 2018. All types of projects, genres, formats and platforms are admissible at any stage of production. To find out more about admissibility and the application process, please consult the activity's webpage.

## The producers confirmed for the First Pitch 2018 edition are:

Bunbury Films | Frédéric Bohbot

MC2 | Jean-Simon Chartier

**ONF/NFB** | Nathalie Cloutier

Productrice Indépendante | Isabelle Couture

Peripheria Productions | Leslie Dabit & Yanick Létourneau

Picbois Productions | Karine Dubois

<u>Intuitive Pictures</u> | Ina Fichman

Argus Films | Carmen Garcia

**EyeSteelFilm** | Bob Moore

Tortuga Films | Adam Pajot-Gendron

Catbird Productions | Katarina Soukup

The **First Pitch** encourages the creation of new collaborations, to revitalize the documentary film industry. Projects presented in 2016 and 2017 have had resounding success. Corinne Beaumier, *Et si ce film était traduit en chinois, il voudrait dire tout autre chose*, is now finishing her film with EyeSteelFilm's Bob Moore whom she met at **First Pitch** and was subsequently selected at Pitching Du Réel at the Visions du Réel Festival 2018. Nicolas-Alexandre Tremblay and Stéphane Trottier's *Coasters* is currently in post-production, after winning the Canal D award at the 2016 Talent Lab and meeting his production company Tortuga Films, as well as his broadcaster Unis/TV5 during the One-on-One meetings that same year.

In parallel of the **First Pitch**, Doc Circuit Montreal wishes to recall that established and emerging producers and directors are invited to submit their documentary film projects **by September 3** for the **Cuban Hat Pitch**. See the webpage for more information on the prizes awarded by the industry and the audience.

To find out about more about our ongoing calls for projects and submission, please consult our website.

## **About Doc Circuit Montréal**

Every year, Doc Circuit Montreal offers an intensive program combining industry gatherings and professional development. Doc Circuit Montreal's  $14^{th}$  edition will take place from November 10 to 14, 2018.

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