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RIDM+ FEBRUARY

***I Am Not Your Negro* by Raoul Peck**
Thursday, February 23, 8 p.m., Cinéma du Parc



Montreal, Monday, February 6, 2017 – From January through May 2017, the **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** presents **RIDM+**, a monthly series of 5 screenings of major auteur documentaries, both recent and classic. While the United States is experiencing one of the most troubled political periods in the country's history, the RIDM is honoured to present a Montreal sneak preview of the Oscar-nominated essential documentary essay ***I Am Not Your Negro*** by Raoul Peck on **Thursday, February 23 at 8 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc.**

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

Inspired by the unfinished final film by the great James Baldwin, which dealt with the legacy and assassinations of his friends Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., Raoul Peck (*L'homme sur les quais, Lumumba*) explores, through extensive archival footage and new footage, the history of racial tension in the United States over the last 50 years. Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson, who gives a stirring reading of Baldwin's incisive, visionary prose, ***I Am Not Your Negro*** is a brilliant update to the reflections of the acclaimed author, more necessary than ever in this, the age of Black Lives Matter. "I know more about you than you know about me. Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." An exceptionally powerful political essay, ***I Am Not Your Negro*** is a brilliant re-appropriation of historical myths, resulting in a penetrating reflection on America today.

***I Am Not Your Negro* directed by Raoul Peck**

United States, France, Belgium, Switzerland | 2016 | 93 minutes

In original English, with French subtitles

Trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNUYdgIyaPM

Premiere at RIDM+ on Thursday, February 23, 8 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc

Purchase tickets online: omniwebticketing.com/cinemaduparc/?schdate=2017-02-23&perfix=14290

Distributed by Métropole Films, ***I Am Not Your Negro* opens on February 24** at Cinéma du Parc and at Cinéma AMC Forum.

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.

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

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PRESS SCREENINGS :

Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m. at Cinéma du Parc

Tuesday, February 21 at 10 a.m. at Cinéma du Parc

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