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RIDM+ MAY

***ANOTE'S ARK* by Matthieu Rytz** Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc



Montreal, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – The RIDM+ film series, presented by the **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)**, screens a new auteur documentary every month from February through June. For the month of May, the RIDM is pleased to present the Quebec premiere of ***Anote's Ark***. This first film by photographer and curator **Matthieu Rytz** is an unforgettable portrait of a man in a race against time and climate change. The screening will take place **on Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc**, followed by a **discussion with the filmmaker**.

The fight against climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time. Despite warnings from numerous scientists, governments are failing to act decisively to limit the effects of a process that seems too subtle to provoke strong enough action. The situation is completely different for Anote Tong, president of the Republic of Kiribati. The rising sea level, population growth and climate change have put his nation on the verge of being swallowed by the ocean.

Anote's Ark documents one man's fight to relocate an entire population in a dignified manner, and alert international organizations to the urgent need for immediate action. By following Anote's travels and the fate of a young mother who has decided to move to New Zealand, Rytz creates a portrait of the first modern climate refugees.

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

Matthieu Rytz presented *Anote's Ark* in 2014 at the **Talent Lab**, an activity that takes place during **Doc Circuit Montreal**, the **RIDM's** professional forum. The Talent Lab gives emerging filmmakers a unique opportunity to get professional feedback on their work in development.

Anote's Ark directed by Matthieu Rytz

Canada | 2018 | 77 minutes | In the original English and Gilbertese, with French subtitles

Trailer : vimeo.com/263948091

Quebec premiere, part of the RIDM+ series, Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m., Cinéma du Parc

Purchase tickets online: bit.ly/RIDMplusmai

Distributed by EyeSteelFilm, *Anote's Ark* will open on June 1st at the Cinémathèque Québécoise (Montreal) and Cinéma Le Clap (Quebec).

LAST SCREENING OF 2018 RIDM+ FILM SERIES

The Dead Nation directed by Radu Jude – **Thursday June 28 at 7 p.m.**

Romania | 2017 | 83 minutes | In the original Romanian, with English subtitles

REMINDER: 2018 CALL FOR FESTIVAL SUBMISSIONS

The call for submissions for this year's **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** closes on **May 31 at midnight**. All formats are welcome, including short, medium and feature-length films and interactive projects. Details: bit.ly/appelRIDM18

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 21st annual RIDM will take place from November 8 to 18, 2018

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

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PRESS SCREENING :

Monday May 28 at 10 a.m. at the Cinémathèque québécoise

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