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RIDM+ MAY

***LETTER TO THEO* by Elodie Lécu**
Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc



Montreal, Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – In addition to its annual November festival, the **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** is proud to present Quebec premieres of major documentaries year-round with the **RIDM+** series, presented by **Télé-Québec**. For the final screening of the season, cinephiles will have the chance to see ***Letter to Theo***, a documentary by Belgian director and writer **Elodie Lécu**. ***Letter to Theo*** is the story of a return to the Greece of late filmmaker Theo Angelopoulos, a country ravaged by an endless economic crisis, overwhelmed by a steady influx of migrants, but still fighting to preserve its dignity. This highly topical film will be shown on **Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.** at **Cinéma du Parc**.

Synopsis

The filmmaker Theo Angelopoulos died on January 24th, 2012, knocked down by a motorbike on the set of his final film. He was surrounded by his team, of which the filmmaker Elodie Lécu was a member. In this unfinished film, he was telling the destinies of the victims of the Greek crisis. Ironically, the ambulance supposed to come to his rescue broke down because budgetary restrictions had made it impossible to maintain the vehicle. ***Letter to Theo*** is a letter to the late director told in the voice of Irène Jacob, in which images by Angelopoulos and Lécu are juxtaposed. The list of victims of the crisis has only grown longer, this destitution echoing another that Theo had sensed was coming: that of the mass arrival of refugees who find themselves trapped in Greece by the closure of the borders. Yet citizen resistance is being organized and fights every day to bring those in danger of obliteration out of the shadows.

Letter to Theo written and directed by **Elodie LÉlu**

Belgium | 2018 | 63 minutes

Original version in French, English, Greek and Dari - with English subtitles

Trailer : youtu.be/Key2Wk0vTKw

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Purchase tickets online : bit.ly/cineduparc_billet

On the last Thursday of every month, the **RIDM+** series gives cinephiles the chance to see high-quality documentaries that have achieved recent success at major festivals. The series provides rare opportunities to see these films on the big screen in Montreal, and it also gives audiences the chance to discuss the films with their directors and to attend special presentations by experts in the 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 22nd annual RIDM will take place from November 14 to 24, 2019.

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