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RIDM+ MARCH

THE SOCIOLOGIST AND THE BEAR CUB ***(LA SOCIOLOGUE ET L'OURSON)*** by Étienne Chaillou and Mathias Théry

Wednesday, March 29, at 8 p.m., Cinéma du Parc



Montreal, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – RIDM+, presented by the **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)**, continues its January-to-May series of five monthly screenings of high-quality recent and classic auteur documentaries. For its March film, the RIDM is pleased to present a Montreal sneak preview of the intelligent and entertaining animated documentary ***The Sociologist and the Bear Cub (La sociologue et l'ourson)***, directed by **Étienne Chaillou** and **Mathias Théry**, on **Wednesday, March 29 at 8 p.m. at Cinéma du Parc**.

There will be a Q&A with the directors via Skype after the film.

In February, RIDM+ explored racial tensions in the United States through the prism of the writings of James Baldwin. For its March film, the series crosses the ocean to delve into a bitter debate that has stirred passions in France for a decade. For several months in 2012-13, the country was locked in a struggle over a marriage equality bill introduced by the Hollande government. During the debate, sociologist **Irène Théry**, one of the architects of the proposed law, appeared in public frequently, to communicate the intent of the reform as clearly as possible. Her son Mathias and his creative

partner Étienne Chaillou seized the opportunity to film Irène in her daily routine, secretly recording her phone conversations with Mathias, and shooting documentary footage as well as reconstructions – using teddy bears. The result is a film as playful as it is political, as intimate as it is universal, that delivers a measured, intelligent reflection on a major social issue. It is a touching, funny and unforgettable portrait of a mother-son relationship, and a thoroughly original chronicle of a pivotal moment for modern France.

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

The Sociologist and the Bear Cub (La sociologue et l'ourson)

directed by Étienne Chaillou and Mathias Théry

France | 2016 | 77 minutes | In the original French, with English subtitles

Trailer: vimeo.com/179944825

Premiere at RIDM+ on Wednesday, March 29, 8 p.m., Cinéma du Parc

Purchase tickets online: omniwebticketing.com/cinemaduparc/?schdate=2017-03-29&perfix=14856

Distributed by Diffusion Multi-Monde, ***The Sociologist and the Bear Cub (La sociologue et l'ourson)*** opens on **April 7** at Cinéma Beaubien (Montreal) and Cinéma Le Clap (Quebec City).

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.

The festival is accepting submissions until May 31.

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