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# RIDM EN PLEIN AIR Free outdoor screenings all summer!



**Montreal, Thursday, May 31, 2018** – Summer is soon here and the **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** is pleased to announce its free outdoor movies series! From June to August, 7 free documentary screenings will enlighten Montreal's summer nights in many city parks and unusual places. A great way to enjoy the warm, think critically and discover films in tune with today's world. All screenings will begin at nightfall. Some will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker(s) in attendance.

# Obey Giant by James Moll

*Obey Giant* takes us deep into the underground world of street art, profiling the rise of artist Shepard Fairey from his roots in punk rock and skateboarding, to presidential politics-through his iconic Obama "HOPE" poster and the controversy that surrounded it.

In its English original version with French subtitles

#### Thursday, June 14 at Parc du Portugal - 9 pm Presented in collaboration with MURAL Festival

# State Of Exception by Jason O'Hara

\*Magnus-Isacsson Award RIDM 2017 The story of an indigenous resistance movement threatened with eviction by preparations for major sporting events held in Rio de Janeiro. An essential testimonial. *In its Portuguese original version with French subtitles* 

#### Wednesday, July 18 at Parc Laurier - 9 pm

A presentation by Cinéma sous les étoiles de Funambules Médias

# In the Intense Now (No Intenso Agora) by João Moreira Salles

A personal and brilliantly analytical film that combines archival footage of May 1968, amateur films of the Prague Spring and a tourist's movies made during China's Cultural Revolution. *In its Portuguese original version with French subtitles* 

# Thursday, July 19 at Parc Baile (Canadian Centre for Architecture) - 9 pm Presented in collaboration with the CCA

# Birth of a Family (Naissance d'une famille) by Tasha Hubbard

\*Student Award RIDM 2017

Four indigenous siblings who grew up separately in adoptive families reunite after decades, in an emotional testimony to the tragedy of 20,000 children removed from their parents between 1955 and 1985. In its *English version with French subtitles* 

The film will be preceded by the short film *Three Thousand (Trois Mille)* by Asinnajaq (Isabella-Rose Weetaluktuk).

# Friday, August 3 at Parc de Normanville - 8:45 pm A presentation of Cinéma sous les étoiles de Funambules Médias

#### Esprit de cantine by Nicolas Paquet

Quebec's summertime casse-croûtes or cantines are a unique part of our heritage. Esprit de cantine captures their ambiance and ponders their future. In its French original version with English subtitles

The film will be preceded by the short film **Des grandes journées d'temps** by **Carla Turcotte**.

#### Wednesday, August 8 at Station F-MR - 8:40 pm Presented in collaboration with the Station F-MR

# Speak Up / Make Your Way (Ouvrir La Voix) by Amandine Gay

\*People's Choice Award RIDM 2017 What does it mean to be a black woman in francophone Europe today? This film brilliantly renews the art of the interview, letting the women in question tell their stories. *In its French original version with English subtitles* 

#### Tuesday, August 14 at Parc du Pélican - 8:30 pm A presentation by Cinéma sous les étoiles de Funambules Médias

# Taste Of Cement by Ziad Kalthoum

\*Special Jury Prize - International Feature RIDM 2017 Mesmerizing editing, superb cinematography and an engrossing soundtrack serve this account of an exiled Syrian worker's life, toiling to rebuild his host country while his own lies in ruins. In its Arabic original version with English subtitles

The film will be preceded by the short film Turtles Are Always Home by Rawane Nassif.

# Tuesday, August 28 at the Place de la Paix in the Quartier des spectacles (next to the S.A.T on Saint-Laurent Boulevard) - 9 pm

A presentation by Société des arts technologiques [SAT] and le Partenariat du Quartier des spectacles, in collaboration with l'arrondissement de Ville-Marie.

The complete program is now online at: http://bit.ly/ridmoutdoor2018 **The RIDM thanks its partners**: The Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA), Cinéma sous les étoiles de Funambules Médias, Station F-MR, MURAL Festival, Société des arts technologiques [SAT] and le Partenariat du Quartier des spectacles in collaboration with l'arrondissement de Ville-Marie.

*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.

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