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*Students from Gérard-Filion high school, receiving the Prix Québec Cinéma at the 2018 edition
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2nd ANNUAL EDUCATION OF THE FUTURE FESTIVAL 25 SHORT FILMS IN COMPETITION THIS YEAR

Montreal, May 2, 2019 – Lab Québec Cinéma will participate in the **Education of the Future Festival**, organized by its partner **Youth Fusion**. The event, which promotes staying in school, will take place from **May 28 to 31** at Olympic Stadium. Among the festival's many activities, at its annual gala, the festival will announce the films selected for the **CLIP** film competition. An initiative of **Youth Fusion**, the project promotes students retention by organizing film workshops for young people, culminating in the making of a short film. There are 25 films in the running for the prize to be awarded by **Québec Cinéma** on May 29.

FILM WORKSHOPS TO KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL

Nearly 4,000 young people are expected to attend the second annual **Education of the Future Festival**. On-site, **Lab Québec Cinéma** will participate in the screening of the films in the cinema program **CLIP** competition. A partner of this program, the Lab handles the awareness and education components of the project by running film workshops. The students received guidance from industry professionals at the various phases of their project. In all, **20 workshops** have been given in high schools around the province.

"We are proud that Lab Québec Cinéma is part of a project fighting to reduce the dropout rate, while also showcasing our artists. Thanks to Youth Fusion cinema program, more than 600 young people from some 30 Quebec high schools had the opportunity to meet film professionals. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the work done by Youth Fusion and by the many professionals involved in making this project a success," said François Lemieux, director of the Tournée and Lab Québec Cinéma.

This year, more than 30 shorts were made on the theme of "Our Universe." At the conclusion of a selection process conducted by the high schools, 25 of the films were chosen for screening on May 29. At the end of the day, a jury of professionals will name the winners of several awards. The film that stands out according to Quebec Cinema's criteria will receive the Prix Québec Cinéma.

"Year after year, the partnership between Youth Fusion and Québec Cinéma grows stronger, and together we are improving the quality of our projects. On behalf of all the young people who participate in our film program, and on behalf of the people whose lives are changed in large or small ways by the films: thank you very much. This support is essential to the development of young film professionals, and to the production of the projects," said Rose Lyndsay Daudier, executive director of Youth Fusion.

Watch a video about the CLIP competition: <https://youtu.be/EtDNCVlzONc>

LIST OF ARTISTS INVITED BY LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA

Henry Bernadet, director
Sarianne Cormier, director and actress
Pascal Plante, director
Sylvain Bellemare, sound designer
Sylvie Desmarais, art director
Émile Gaudreault, director and writer
Simon Lamarre-Ledoux, cinematographer

François Péloquin, director
Marianne Farley, director and actress
Karine Savard, movie poster designer
Louis Colin, sound designer
Abeille Tard, director and editor
Samuel Matteau, director

SCHOOLS VISITED BY LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLIP PROJECT

École secondaire Louis-Joseph-Papineau, Montreal
École secondaire Calixa-Lavallée, Montreal
École Chomedey-De Maisonneuve, Montreal
École Saint-Henri, Montreal
École secondaire de la Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montreal
École secondaire St-Laurent, Montreal
John F. Kennedy High School, Montreal
École secondaire Gérard-Filion, Longueuil
École secondaire Louis-Riel, Montreal
École du SAS Outremont, Montreal

École du SAS Pierrefonds, Pierrefonds
Rosemount High School, Montreal
École secondaire Cavelier-De Lasalle, Montreal
École Le Vitrail, Montreal
École secondaire Vanier, Quebec City
École secondaire Joseph-François-Perrault, Quebec City
Polyvalente Saint-François, Quebec City
Polyvalente Le Carrefour, Gatineau
Académie Dunton, Boucherville

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ABOUT YOUTH FUSION

Youth Fusion is an award-winning charity that contributes to the persistence in school, employability and civic engagement of youth by developing innovative experiential learning projects that create ongoing links between school systems and the community. Every week, Youth Fusion works with 13,000 young people in over 200 schools in rural, urban and Indigenous communities across Canada. In January 2019, the organization extended its activities internationally with its first pedagogical pilot project in France, involving 225 young people. www.fusionjeunesse.org

ABOUT LAB QUÉBEC CINÉMA

The Lab Québec Cinéma team is driven by the conviction that it is crucial to make young people aware of Quebec's films and introduce them to the people who make them. To that end, the Lab organizes instructional activities in schools across Canada. Through its awareness-raising activities, the Lab gives young people a space for experimentation, creation and discovery, helping them develop their critical faculties to help them see the world and the images around them from an informed perspective. This approach also includes a commitment to giving young people positive role models and contributing to the fight against dropping out. Over the last 15 years, Québec Cinéma's school-based activities have reached more than **85,000 young people** in **450 schools**, raising awareness with screenings of **more than 350 Quebec-made films** and opportunities to meet **more than 100 industry professionals**. Lab Québec Cinéma's activities are made possible by Bell Média in the form of tangible benefits.

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