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THE MIHFF ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR ITS 4TH EDITION!

Montreal, February 19, 2008- As the biggest event dedicated to Haitian cinema outside Haiti, the Montreal International Haitian Film Festival (MIHFF) is proud to announce that it will be holding its 4th edition from September 17 to 21, 2008 in Montreal.



There's an old saying that goes like this: "Once is happenstance; twice is a coincidence; three times is a habit; four times is a tradition." We could say, then, that a new tradition will be born in Montreal in September with the fourth edition of the MIHFF, an event that brings people together and provides an opportunity for new encounters and new discoveries, for sharing, interculturalism and entertainment.



Just like Haitian cinema, the MIHFF is still in its formative stage. It owes the success of its first three editions to the general public, to the Quebec, Haitian and foreign media, and to its partners and sponsors, but it needs everyone's support again this year in order to be able to continue to move onward and upward. In exchange for this support, the Festival will offer everyone the best and the most amazing new films in the world of Haitian cinema this September!

A new recipe for the 4th edition



Last year, with several world and Canadian premieres, the MIHFF screened close to 35 films (fiction and documentary) over five days in various theatres, including the NFB Cinema. Also for the first time last year, with the support of Réseau Liberté and Rights & Democracy, the MIHFF held a photo exhibition at Galerie MosaikArt, which illustrated the plight of Haitian sugarcane cutters in the Dominican Republic, as well as a symposium on this issue at the CBC building, which brought together national and international panellists.



This year, the 4th MIHFF will run for five days in Montreal and will, for the first time, be on tour in Quebec City from September 24 to 28. As usual, the Festival will present a very rich and diverse program, and several thousand movie-goers are expected to turn out. Besides movie screenings, we are also planning many different types of activities, including workshops, debates, exhibitions and symposiums.

Created by the Fabienne Colas Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Haitian Cinema, Art and Culture both nationally and internationally, the Montreal International Haitian Film Festival promotes independent author's films from here and abroad and seeks to inspire people from all walks of life. The MIHFF also encourages quality cinema and provides an opportunity for industry professionals from Haiti, Quebec and elsewhere to meet.



The MIHFF raises public awareness. It gives Quebecers of Haitian origin the opportunity to reconnect with their culture and other Quebecers a chance to discover a dynamic emerging cinema. It may also help the media to gain a better understanding of the Haitian reality and to maybe depict a somewhat less apocalyptic image of Haiti in its reports.

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