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Quebec City to Welcome the International Haitian Film Festival from September 24 to 28, 2008

Montreal, April 23, 2008 – This year, the International Haitian Film Festival will run in Montreal for the 4th time from September 17 to 21 and, for the first time, in Quebec City, from September 24 to 28, with a view to bringing Haitian culture and independent author's films from here and abroad to an even larger audience. The Festival wants to continue to diversify its film offering in the province of Quebec while providing opportunities for new encounters and new discoveries, for sharing, interculturalism and entertainment.

This first edition of the Festival in Quebec City will coincide with the city's 400th anniversary celebrations and will have a different program from that of the Montreal edition. We will also be holding conferences and symposiums that will raise public awareness and provoke social debate. "We've been thinking about launching an International Haitian Film Festival in Quebec City for a long time now, especially given the success of the Festival in Montreal over the past three years, and we couldn't have chosen a better year than this: right in the middle of the city's 400th anniversary celebrations. It is with great joy that we participate in this great celebration with the people of Quebec City!" exclaimed Actress Fabienne Colas, Founding President of the Festival.

The International Haitian Film Festival raises public awareness. It gives Quebeckers of Haitian origin the opportunity to reconnect with their culture and other Quebeckers 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.

Several thousand movie-goers are expected to turn out in Montreal and Quebec City for the 2008 edition of the Festival, which is now going all out to prepare for the event and promises to offer an even richer and more varied program than last year. Make it a date not to be missed!

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

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