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The Montreal International Haitian Film Festival Begins Its On-Line Registrations

Montreal, February 28, 2008- This year, the 4th Montreal International Haitian Film Festival (MIHFF) will run from September 17 to 21, 2008 in Montreal: five days of sharing, interculturalism and entertainment during which we will be presenting the best and the most amazing new films in the world of Haitian cinema.

Registration is already open for feature-length and short films (fiction, documentary and animation). The registration form, pre-selection conditions, and rules and regulations are available on the Festival's Website at www.festivalfilmhaitien.com until the **June 16, 2008** deadline.

The MIHFF will also be holding a short film contest open to beginners and professionals alike. Details are available on the Festival Website.

The jury responsible for selecting the winners will be composed of people of many different nationalities, none of whom are involved in the organization of the Festival. The MIHFF will not compromise the results of its film competitions by allowing any member of the jury to have a personal interest in any of the films selected for the Festival, be it as the director, producer, buyer or distributor of one of these films.

A few details about the 4th MIHFF

Program

The 2008 MIHFF will include the following sections: *What's New?* (fiction), *Documentaries*, *Short Films*, *Retrospectives*, *Tribute to an Artist or a Filmmaker* and *Invited Films* (films of other than Haitian origin).

Workshops - Symposiums

The workshops, symposiums and debates will be open to the general public and to people who work in the arts, cinema and television.

Exhibition

We will be launching an exhibition in an art gallery the day before the opening night of the Festival. The exhibition will run until the end of the Festival and promises to be brimming with the colours, textures and aromas of Haiti.

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

Several thousand movie-goers are expected to turn out for this 2008 edition, 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!

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The Montreal International Haitian Film Festival
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