

***The previously unreleased "MINUIT," a film about voodoo in Montreal,  
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**Montreal, September 3, 2008** - The world premiere of "**MINUIT,**" to be screened in the presence of director **Fabienne Colas and the actors**, will be inaugurating the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the MIHFF. It's a story about voodoo right in the heart of Montreal. Unable to heal her son, Patrick, who is suffering from an incurable illness, Charlotte, a Voodoo priestess, is ready to do anything to at least save his soul by transferring it to another body so he can live again... She asks her daughter, Shaina, to seduce Nick and then put a spell on him so she can bring him to the house where Patrick is dying... A race against time and the forces of evil!

Based on an original screenplay by Sophia Désir, this fiction feature film shot entirely in Montreal is the very first film directed by actress Fabienne Colas (*Barikad, Comment Conquérir l'Amérique en Une Nuit, Watatatow*). Ms. Colas also has a leading role in her film, along with Ralph Prophète, Yanick Dutelly, Sophia Désir, Natacha Noël, Rony Bastien, Emile Castonguay and Sara Rénélik. The Opening Night begins at 7 p.m. on September 17 in the Mirella and Lino Saputo Theatre at the Leonardo da Vinci Centre (8350 Lacordaire Blvd).

**CLOSING FILM**

"**GHOSTS OF CITÉ SOLEIL** (*Les Fantômes de Cité Soleil*) by director **Asger Leth** will close the Festival on September 21. This breathtaking documentary (which was presented at the Toronto Film Festival) plunges us into a slum in the capital of Port-au-Prince, Haiti called Cité Soleil, a shantytown that the film describes as being the most dangerous place on Earth... It's the story of a young man with a gun who is being used for political purposes... A testimony to desperate dreams in a ghetto world where dog eats dog.

This highly anticipated film shot entirely in Haiti, and featuring famous singer, Wyclef Jean, will be screened on Closing Night, right after the Awards Ceremony, which starts at 8 p.m. in the Mirella and Lino Saputo Theatre at the Leonardo da Vinci Centre (8350 Lacordaire Blvd).

At the 4th edition of the MIHFF, which runs from September 17 to 21, festival-goers will have the opportunity to discover or rediscover the world of "voodoo" through feature-length and short fiction and documentary films, a three-part exhibition, a show and a debate conference.

The official program for the 4th MIHFF is now available on the Festival Website at [www.festivalfilmhaitien.com](http://www.festivalfilmhaitien.com).

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