

THE NFB FILM CLUB PROGRAM

FALL 2013

PROGRAM A



STORIES WE TELL

Documentary | 108 min 37 s

In this inspired, genre-twisting new film, Oscar®-nominated writer/director Sarah Polley discovers that the truth depends on who's telling it. Polley is both filmmaker and detective as she investigates the secrets kept by a family of storytellers. She playfully interrogates a compelling cast of characters, eliciting candid, yet mostly contradictory, answers to the same questions. Polley unravels the paradoxes to reveal the essence of family: always complicated, warmly messy and fiercely loving. .

PROGRAM B



THE FRUIT HUNTERS

Documentary | 95 min 13 s

The Fruit Hunters ravel across culture, history and geography to show how intertwined we are with the fruits we eat. Our guides are devoted fruit fanatics such as movie star Bill Pullman, whose obsession leads him on a crusade to create a community orchard in the Hollywood

PROGRAM C



TRAPPER (VISTAS)

Documentary | 2 min 45 s

A beautiful short film capturing the quiet dignity of a day in the life of a Northern trapper.



THE PEOPLE OF THE KATTAWAPISKAK RIVER

Documentary | 75 min

It is October 2011, and 1,700 Kattawapiskak Cree are living in dreadful conditions at minus 40 degrees in Northern Ontario. Their homes have crude stoves, holes in the walls and floors, and no sewage lines, heating or insulation. Alanis Obomsawin's documentary examines the history of the region and the causes of a housing crisis that struck

PROGRAM D



(Available end of November 2013)

MARY & MYSELF

Animation | 8 min 22 s

Mary & Myself is a story within a story that revolves around two Chinese Canadian women making their theatrical debut playing "comfort women" in *The Vagina Monologues*. Fusing activism and performance, this short animated documentary honours the thousands of girls and women from Korea, China, Japan and the Philippines who were forced into sexual slavery during the 1930s and '40s.



BUYING SEX

Documentary | 75 min 17 s

Timely and wise, this important documentary about the state of prostitution laws in Canada is a revelation. Those laws, forged in the 19th century, are now being challenged by both pro-prostitution and anti-prostitution forces, with no evident consensus about which way forward is either best or likely. *Buying Sex* carefully guides the viewer through a wide spectrum of disagreement, exploring the many points of view in this age-old yet contemporary debate.

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PROGRAM E



CANADA VIGNETTES: THE HORSE

1 min

This short illustrates a time in North American history when the horse provided man with unprecedented mobility—until the arrival of the iron horse brought an end to this era.



SECRETARIAT'S JOCKEY, RON TURCOTTE

Documentary | 75 min

Secretariat's legendary jockey, Ron Turcotte, is one of the few champions to have won the prestigious American Triple Crown. This is the remarkable story of Turcotte's rise to fame in 1973, the fall that left him a paraplegic in 1978—after an illustrious career with more than 3,000 victories—and his emotional journey back to the people and places that marked his life.

SPECIAL PROGRAM: *THE SHORTEST DAY* – DECEMBER 21

Celebrate the shortest day of the year, December 21, with an amazing program of films for adults and the whole family. Enjoy an array of international prize-winning shorts, presented by Telefilm Canada, SODEC and the NFB.

Mark this date on your calendar. More information coming soon...

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



POPPETY IN THE FALL NEW

Animation | 27 min | 5+

Fall arrives, and Balthasar's kingdom is mysteriously bereft of stories. Boredom and gloominess abound. Poppety, the grumpy hedgehog, suspects that Boniface, the naughty storyteller, has something to do with it. Setting off to track him down, he soon discovers the secret. Poppety in the Fall concludes the series of four seasons in the life of the lovable, half-human bear cub Léon, completing an enchanting epic.



RUZZ AND BEN

Animation | 23 min 46 s | 5+

Searching for their lost kite among the grey buildings of the inner city, two street urchins stumble onto a hidden world where the four elements of nature coexist in perfect balance. Ruzz and Ben is a dazzling work of puppet animation, full of delightful twists and brimming with humanity. No dialogue.



TCHOU TCHOU

Animation | 13 min 52 s | 3+

In this children's fantasy, blocks represent a make-believe city and the two children who play in it. Blocks even act out the story when an angry dragon appears on the scene, while music scores the action. This is puppet theatre reduced to its simplest form, but so colourfully and lucidly presented that everyone is absorbed and entertained. No dialogue.



LUDOVIC: MAGIC IN THE AIR

Animation | 12 min 14 s | 3+

It's autumn in all its glory and Ludovic is playing in the park when a slightly older teddy bear approaches him. Ludovic happily thinks: "He wants to play with me!" But the big teddy bear knocks him down and runs away. Ludovic will fall victim to the bully once again before he is rescued by a little girl teddy bear. He and his new friend hatch a clever plan to outsmart the bully.

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