

THE NFB FILM CLUB PROGRAM

SPRING 2012



PROGRAM A



WILD LIFE

Animation | 13 min

The latest from Oscar®-nominated filmmakers Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis. In 1909, a dapper young remittance man is sent from England to Alberta to attempt ranching. It soon becomes clear that nothing in his refined upbringing has prepared him for the harsh conditions of the New World. This animated short is about the beauty of the prairie, the pang of being homesick and the folly of living dangerously out of context.

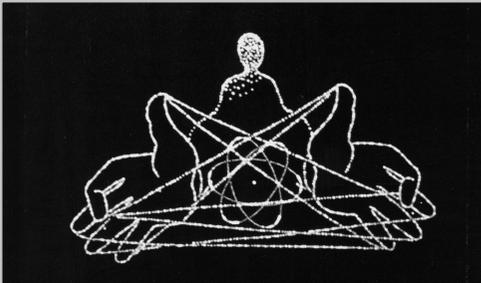


COURAGE

Documentary | 52 min

A documentary on the issues of the “working poor.” During meetings organized by filmmaker Geoff Bowie, six Ontarians talk about having to work multiple jobs to get by and courageously explain their strategies for escaping financial vulnerability. *Courage* is a participatory social-issues film that emphasizes the importance of mutual aid and succeeds in condemning the taboo of poverty.

PROGRAM B



BEAD GAME

Animation | 5 min

An innovative exercise in animation, in which thousands of beads are arranged and manipulated, assuming shapes of creatures both mythical and real.



THE HOLE STORY

Documentary | 79 min

The vast territories of northern Quebec and Ontario contain a wealth of mineral resources. For more than 100 years, they have been controlled by private companies governed by Canada’s amazingly anachronistic *Mining Act*, which takes precedence over all other legislation. This film tells the story of how these resources have been exploited, and the battles they have provoked.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



MOLLY IN SPRINGTIME

Animation | 27 min

This puppet animation by Pierre-Luc Granjon tells a medieval tale of treachery and love. It’s carnival in Balthasarville and the scoundrel Bonifacio is scheming to overthrow Léon and become King Quack. But he’s outsmarted by Molly Gingerbread and her friend Hedgehog, who manage to save the townspeople Bonifacio has poisoned.



PAINTED TALES — ALMOND BLOSSOMS

Animation | 10 min

Adapted from the famous O. Henry story “The Last Leaf” and set within Vincent van Gogh’s most stunning paintings, *Almond Blossoms* is a magical reminder of the power of art. When young Marguerite Gachet’s mother falls ill with pneumonia, Vincent helps her weather the storm by introducing her to art and hope.



BIG DRIVE

Animation | 9 min | New Release

Big Drive is the story of a family road trip set in the 1970s. While the parents keep a steady eye on the road ahead, four restless sisters combine their lively imaginations and transform the drive into a whimsical adventure.

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