

THE NFB FILM CLUB PROGRAM

SPRING 2013



PROGRAM A



VIVE LA ROSE

Animation | 6 min 22 s

Based on the last recording by Emile Benoit, one of Newfoundland's foremost traditional music performers, *Vive la rose* combines ink drawings with various romantic and associative elements and objects. Benoit's tender delivery of the 18th-century French song is the heart of this film, which tells a tale of unrequited love.

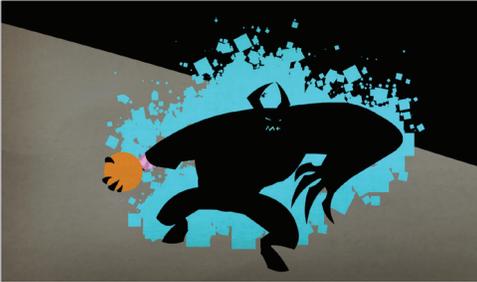


HARD LIGHT

Documentary | 55 min

Filmmaker Justin Simms uses Michael Crummey's seminal piece of Newfoundland literature as a lens to examine cultural change and modern relationships. Mixing dramatic recreations, interpretative contemporary sequences and conversations with the compelling author, the film intimately explores how we are shaped by both our past and present environment.

PROGRAM B



THE BASKETBALL GAME

Animation | 5 min

Nine-year-old Hart attends Jewish summer camp for the first time in 1983, while in a nearby Alberta town an anti-Semitic social studies teacher makes headlines for teaching Holocaust denial. Hart's unusual encounter with the teacher's former students is both surprising and transformative.



LEGEND OF A WARRIOR

Documentary | 78 min 19 s

Frank Lee doesn't just practise martial arts: for his many students and fans, Frank Lee is martial arts. His status as a legendary street fighter and world-renowned coach has kept him at a distance from his son, Corey—but now the younger Lee would like to reconnect with his mighty dad...

PROGRAM C



VISTAS: BUTTON BLANKET

Animation | 3 min 29 S

This short impressionist documentary looks at the creation of a button blanket by integrating the performance of a traditional dance with the art of the West Coast Heiltsuk people.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY, JUNE 21, 2013



WE WERE CHILDREN

Documentary | 83 min

We Were Children gives voice to a national tragedy and demonstrates the incredible resilience of the human spirit. In this emotional film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed unflinchingly through the eyes of two children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years.

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PROGRAM D - SHORT PROGRAM



HERE AND THE GREAT ELSEWHERE

Animation | 14 min 24 S

In this playfully philosophical tale, a man ponders the meaning of life, contemplating everything from atomic particles and evolution to the mysteries of memory and death.



UNHERALDED

Documentary | 28 min

Across North America, newspapers are dying. But not in tiny Lakefield, Ontario, where Terry McQuitty carries on a 150-year-old tradition, as publisher of the independent weekly Herald. Set to the pace of small-town life, Unheralded is a testament to the vital role newspapers can still play, and to the close bond between reporter and reader.



THE PORTRAIT

Commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
Documentary | 42 min

It's the opportunity of a lifetime for artist Phil Richards, who's been commissioned to create Canada's official portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her Diamond Jubilee. Academy Award®-nominated filmmaker Hubert Davis follows Richards over months of painstaking preparations, as he works to capture Her Majesty's likeness and spirit on canvas.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



A SEA TURTLE STORY NEW RELEASE

Animation | 9 min 51 s

A moving and exquisite stop-motion animated short that chronicles the lifecycle of a critically endangered species. Capturing the beauty of the ecosystems that sea turtles inhabit, the film is ideal for all audiences, and for teaching young and old alike about these fascinating creatures of the sea.



THE TENDER TALE OF CINDERELLA PENGUIN

Animation | 10 min

The classic fairy tale retold with a twist. Cinderella Penguin loses her magic flipper as she runs to meet her midnight deadline, but all ends well when Prince Charming finds the right webbed foot!



OPERATION CUCKOO

Animation (13 min 6 s)

Mr. Edgar putters happily around his cuckoo clock waiting for the return of his adopted birds in the spring. Catastrophe threatens when one of the clock's gears falls off! A brave firefly comes to the rescue, proving that friendship can light up your life.



SEA DREAM

Animation (5 min 31 s)

Children, like adults, have days that go badly. This film shows how one little girl overcomes the day's frustrations by diving into an underwater fantasy where she spends time with her friend, the lady octopus. After playing many wonderful games together, the little girl re-enters the world of reality feeling fine and refreshed.

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