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A TURN-KEY INITIATIVE CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, THE NFB FILM CLUB GRANTS FREE, PRIVILEGED ACCESS TO NEW, RELEVANT, AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING DOCUMENTARIES AS WELL AS AWARD-WINNING AND ENTERTAINING ANIMATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

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PROGRAM A

AABIZIINGWASHI (WIDE AWAKE): Indigenous Cinema on Tour



OUR PEOPLE WILL BE HEALED

96 MIN 56 S (NEW RELEASE)

The 50th film by legendary documentarian Alanis Obomsawin reveals how a Cree community in Manitoba has been enriched through the power of education. The Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre in Norway House, north of Winnipeg, receives a level of funding that few other Indigenous institutions enjoy. This doc conveys a message of hope: that in an appropriate school environment, one that incorporates their people's history, language and culture, Indigenous youth can realize their dreams.

PROGRAM C



MEMENTO MORI

89 MIN 15 S (NEW RELEASE)

Matthew's heart stopped beating on the tattoo parlour table. Now, his parents hold their dying boy. But in their hands they also hold the fates of others: the promise of new lives, and death postponed. With astonishing access and remarkable intimacy, *Memento mori* carries us headlong into a world of hope lost and hope returned. An elegy to the beauty of life in the shadow of death.

PROGRAM B



A BETTER MAN

79 MIN (NEW RELEASE)

During the two years they lived together, Steve abused Attiya on a daily basis. Now, 20 years later, Attiya has asked Steve to meet. She wants to know if he will finally take responsibility for his violent actions. Following a series of intimate conversations between the former couple, *A Better Man* offers a fresh and nuanced look at the healing and revelation that can happen for everyone involved when men take responsibility for their abuse.

PROGRAM D



GULÎSTAN, LAND OF ROSES

86 MIN 10 S (NEW RELEASE)

They belong to the PKK, the Kurdistan Workers' Party. Their mission? Defend Kurdish territory in Iraq and Syria, and defeat ISIS (the armed militants of the so-called Islamic State group). These seasoned female fighters, who embody a revolutionary ideal, openly share their most intimate thoughts and dreams. They are the future of a people and the hidden face of a highly mediatized war: the female, feminist face in the fight against barbarism.

PROGRAM E



FREELANCER ON THE FRONT LINES

98 MIN 13 S (NEW RELEASE)

Canadian freelance reporter Jesse Rosenfeld has made the Middle East the focus of his work, and to make a living he has to keep up with constantly moving news targets. *Freelancer on the Front Lines* follows his journey across the region, showing us thorny geopolitical realities shaped by the events transforming the Middle East and exploring how journalism practices have changed in the age of the Internet.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AGES 4+



HEDGEHOG'S HOME

10 MIN (NEW RELEASE)

This award-winning animated short tells the story of a hedgehog who lives in a lush and lively forest. Though he's respected and envied by the other animals, his unwavering devotion to his home annoys a quartet of insatiable beasts. Together, they march off towards his home and spark a tense and prickly standoff. A warm and universal tale for audiences young and old that reminds us there truly is no place like home.



THE MOUNTAIN OF SGAANA

10 MIN 2 S (NEW RELEASE)

This short tells the magical tale of a young man who's stolen away to the spirit world and the young woman who tries to rescue him. Will the lovers manage to escape the undersea Mountain of Sgaana, or will they, too, become part of the Haida spirit world forever? Haida filmmaker Christopher Auchter's dream-like gem entwines traditional animation with formal elements of Haida art, which are brought to life by a rich, evocative palette.



LUDOVIC: A CROCODILE IN MY GARDEN

9 MIN 57 S

This is the second film in the *Four Seasons in the Life of Ludovic* series, about the adventures of an adorable bear cub. *Ludovic: A Crocodile in My Garden* explores the world of play. It's springtime, and magical thinking governs Ludovic's world. In his garden, he reigns over his menagerie of paper animals and their jungle home. But when they refuse to obey him, Ludovic decides he doesn't want to play anymore.



THE DINGLES

7 MIN 47 S

Created by award-winning animator/director Les Drew, this enchanting animated short is bound to win the hearts of young children everywhere. Brimming with unique characters that children can relate to, *The Dingles* offers sudden adventure and plenty of suspense. The film's plot involves an unexpected gale that bursts into the idyllic life of Doris Dingle and her three delightful cats. Just how the Dingles escape certain doom is for viewers to find out!



I WANT A DOG

9 MIN 57 S

This fun-filled, offbeat animated short about a girl's hopes and dreams will enchant young viewers as well as their parents. May wants a dog more than anything else in the world, but every time she asks Mom and Dad for a puppy, they tell her to wait 'till she's older—so she comes up with an ingenious idea to persuade them to change their minds. Based on the book by celebrated children's author Dayal Kaur Khalsa.



HOW DINOSAURS LEARNED TO FLY

5 MIN 58 S

The dinosaurs were headed for trouble. They ate nothing but junk food. They never brushed their teeth. They stayed up all night long. And although they loved to jump off cliffs, they didn't like landing. The early mammals tried to warn them, "You'll all be extinct if you keep that up!" But the dinosaurs just laughed... and over time they evolved into birds.



THE JUGGLER

12 MIN 35 S

A juggler opens his magic box and takes out three balls. The audience marvels at his dexterity, until one ball escapes. The mutinous ball takes on magical properties as it draws the juggler into a series of adventures with many levels of meaning. The viewer's age and their subjective impressions will largely determine the interpretation of this intriguing short film.