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21st Edition International Francophone Film Festival of Saskatoon CINERGIE

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, April 21st 2026 - The Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon presents the 21st edition of the International Francophone Film Festival of Saskatoon CINERGIE, from April 30th to May 3rd, 2026, at the Roxy Theatre in Saskatoon. This annual event celebrates the richness and diversity of French-language cinema, both local and international. A true pillar of the francophone community in Saskatchewan, Festival CINERGIE highlights the importance of seeing and recognizing ourselves on the big screen.

Over the course of the four-day festival, CINERGIE presents a selection of recent short and feature-length French-speaking films from Canada and around the world, all subtitled in English, to reach a broad and diverse audience. Dramas, comedies, thrillers, art films, and works by emerging artists are featured, with a special focus on minority voices, particularly those from Black, Indigenous, racialized, and 2S/LGBTQIA+ communities. The festival stands out for its strong community commitment. True to its values of inclusion, CINERGIE offers screenings in a venue accessible to people with reduced mobility, welcomes audiences of all ages, and provides a number of complimentary tickets to Indigenous people, newcomers, and/or those facing financial constraints.

Program: opening reception, film screenings, a series premiere, a special short film screening, special guests, and family-friendly activity. A total of 10 medium-length and feature-length films, 16 short films, and one series will be presented across 12 screenings, representing 8 regions of the world, with 62% of the filmmakers being women and 38% men.

Professional Guest Speakers: MICHELINE MARCHILDON - *Malgré moi* (MB), PHIL COMEAU - *Résonance Acadie* (NS), JOCELYN FORGUES - *Et maintenant?* (ON), ÄLVA JOUBAND-UUSITALO - *Tulomatka: Le chemin du retour* (SK), SIMON GAREZ - *Notes d'un poète* (SK), CYNTHIA-LAURE ETOM - *Sortie de secours* (ON)

Special Events:

- **Thursday, April 30th, Roxy Theatre, 5:00–6:00 p.m.** – Opening reception featuring an Apéro Franco hosted by the Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon – cheese platter provided by Bulk Cheese Warehouse. 6:00 p.m.: Screening of the opening film, *Vingt Dieux* + special presentation on domestic composting with the CÉCS
- **Thursday, April 30th, Roxy Theatre, 8:15 p.m.** – Radio-Canada Evening: Series launch *Malgré moi* – introduced by Pascale Bouchard + virtual discussion with actress Micheline Marchildon
- **Saturday, May 2nd, Roxy Theatre, 1:00 p.m.** – Family screening of the film *Lydia et le vaisseau des tempêtes*, followed by family activities with the APF

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