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Friday July 24 at GFF: French cinema, WFG workshop & Monty Python on the beach

(Winnipeg, Manitoba; July 24, 2015) – Friday’s events at the Gimli Film Festival include numerous French films, a ‘Making Movies on your Smartphone’ Workshop by Winnipeg Film Group, and a hot double feature on the beach with *Monty Python & the Holy Grail* at 10pm, followed by a late night hit of *Alien*.

FRENCH FILMS:

- ***Tu Dors Nicole*** at 12:30pm (“You’re Sleeping Nicole”) by Stéphane Lafleur, is about two girls whose friendship is put to the test one summer. Shot in black and white to capture the melancholy of a soon-ending childhood, *Tu dors Nicole* examines a stage where attachments of youth are on the verge of collapsing into the stark grown-up world.

- ***FM Youth*** at 3:00pm, by Winnipeg filmmaker Stéphane Oystryk, is an intimate look at being young and French in English Canada. Filmed entirely in St. Boniface, the story centers on three friends who are spending one last evening together in their tight-knit Francophone community of St. Boniface, before two of the friends “leave the nest” for the idealistic metropolis of Montreal. Oystryk will attend Friday’s screening, and be on hand for Q&A after the show.

- ***Force Majeure*** at 5:30pm, is a Canadian Film by Ruben Ostland, and although this film is not in the French language, it does take place in the French Alps, and revolves around an avalanche. *Force majeure* is a term which means “chance occurrence” or “unavoidable accident”. The film focuses on the disintegrating relationships within one family in the aftermath of a disaster.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JOHNSON HALL:

‘*Making Movies with your Smartphone*’, a workshop hosted by Winnipeg Film Group, will take place at Johnson Hall from 2-5 on Friday. Camera basics, general production, camera movement techniques, and story-telling will all be touched on in this intensive hands-on workshop taught by Ben Williams. A variety of smartphone accessories (using the Beastgrip universal rig system) will be demonstrated.

‘Freemasonry Revealed’, a presentation at Johnson Hall from 6:30—7:30pm with Dr. Frank Albo, will delve into mysteries of this secret society. According to Albo: “Freemasons evoke fears of world domination by elite coterie, who have enjoyed privileged access to wealth and power-- yet Masons have included such luminaries as Mozart, Voltaire, Benjamin Franklin.” Albo will dispel some myths surrounding freemasonry, as well as delving into the Masonic roots of our Manitoba Legislative Buildings.

DOUBLE FEATURE ON THE BEACH, RBC SUNSET SCREENINGS:

Monty Python & the Holy Grail is celebrating its fortieth anniversary, and what better way to celebrate four decades of hilarity than watching this classic Terry Gilliam film under the stars on Gimli beach? John Cleese stars in the fateful tale of the Middle Ages, as told through the story of King Arthur and framed by

a modern-day murder investigation.

Alien, Friday's late night feature, is the sci-fi horror classic which coined the phrase, "In space, no one can hear you scream." Directed by Ridley Scott, this Jaws-style nightmare set on a spacecraft has been terrifying audiences since 1979.

COMING UP ON SATURDAY... On Saturday, July 25 don't miss:

- RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmakers Competition 10:30 am
- Manitoba Short Film Screenings, 12:30 pm, followed by the Manitoba Film and Music Audience Choice for Best Manitoba Short Film Award of \$1000
- 48 Hour Film Competition, 3:00 pm
- Jurassic Park on the beach, 10:00 pm

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