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A WILD NIGHT OF SHORTS AT THE 38TH FESTIVAL DU NOUVEAU CINÉMA!

**A SPECIAL GALA EVENING TO MARK 10 YEARS OF PRENDS ÇA COURT!
OCTOBER 9TH**

Montreal, Monday, September 14, 2009 – The **Festival du Nouveau Cinéma** (FNC) and **PrenDS ça court!** are delighted to be joining forces to celebrate ten years of PrenDS ça court! at a special gala evening where short films take centre stage, on **Friday, October 9 at 7 p.m.** at the Imperial Cinema. The event will be followed by a party at the FNC's new HQ in UQÀM's Coeur des sciences building (corner of Jeanne-Mance and President Kennedy) with filmmakers and craftspeople playing DJ-for-a-Night!

Montreal premieres of some of Quebec's finest shorts from 2009 will be showing throughout the evening, including **La belle au verre de lait** by Félix Rocque; **Le technicien** by Simon-Olivier Fecteau; **King Chicken** by Nicolas Bolduc with Fanny Malette; **Jour sans joie** by Nicolas Roy; **Les mots** by Ivan Brbovic; and a world premiere of **Tête Blanche** by Patrick Boivin starring Gaston Lepage; as well as three films appearing at TIFF in the Short Cuts Canada program: **La vie commence**, the 3rd short from Émile Proulx-Cloutier, also in competition at the Locarno Festival; **Léger Problème** by actor Hélène Florent, her first as a director; and **Danse macabre** by Pedro Pires based on an idea by Robert Lepage, already seen at numerous international festivals. It promises to be a memorable night for this tenth short-film anniversary!

For the past ten years in Quebec, PrenDS ça court! has been out in front finding audiences for short films. It has been *the* go-to series for short film programs (and one of the most popular in Canada), helping to promote, distribute, screen and make independent and professional work. It has also helped put short films by Quebecois directors and artisans on the international map. It only made sense for the FNC to be associated with it, since we've made a special place for short films over the years. And 2009 will be no exception. In addition to our short-film gala, the FNC has programmed an impressive list of shorts from here and elsewhere. Films that expand the genre, with big names and awards (of course) and compelling work from newcomers. Stunning films you won't want to miss!

The 38th Festival du nouveau cinéma runs in Montreal from October 7 to 18.

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Complete program details for the 38th FNC will be announced at a press conference on Tuesday, September 22.

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