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A special presentation of
Denis Villeneuve's
BLADE RUNNER 2049

Opening film of the 46th Montreal Festival du nouveau cinéma (FNC)

Montreal, September 21, 2017 – Montreal Festival du nouveau cinéma (FNC) is pleased to announce that Denis Villeneuve's latest work, **BLADE RUNNER 2049**, will be presented at a special screening on **October 4** at **Théâtre Maisonneuve de la Place des Arts** as the opening film of its 46th edition, which runs from October 4 to 15, 2017. After screening his first movies, the FNC is proud to welcome the Quebec director back to his hometown with his latest opus, his fourth American feature, and one of the most highly anticipated films of the year. **BLADE RUNNER 2049** is a sequel to the acclaimed classic *Blade Runner*, directed by Ridley Scott in 1982.

In the new film, a young blade runner's discovery of a long-buried secret leads him on a quest to track down former blade runner, Rick Deckard, who has been missing for thirty years.

BLADE RUNNER 2049 features a star-studded cast, led by **Ryan Gosling** (*Drive*, *La La Land*) and **Harrison Ford** (the *Star Wars* saga, *Indiana Jones*), reprising his role as Rick Deckard. Also starring in the movie, are **Ana de Armas** (*War Dogs*), **Sylvia Hoeks** (*Renegades*), **Robin Wright** (*House of Cards*, *Wonder Woman*), **Mackenzie Davis** (*The Martian*), **Carla Juri** (*Brimstone*), and **Lennie James** (*The Walking Dead*), with **Dave Bautista** (*the Guardians of the Galaxy* films), and **Jared Leto** (*Dallas Buyers Club*, *Suicide Squad*).

BLADE RUNNER 2049 was produced by Andrew A. Kosove & Broderick Johnson and Bud Yorkin & Cynthia Sikes Yorkin. Ridley Scott served as an executive producer, together with Tim Gamble, Frank Giustra, Yale Badik, Val Hill, and Bill Carraro. Villeneuve directed the film from a screenplay by Hampton Fancher and Michael Green, story by Fancher, based on characters from the novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick.

From Alcon Entertainment, Warner Bros. Pictures and Sony Pictures Entertainment, the film will hit theatres on October 6, 2017.

The full lineup for the 46th edition of the Montreal Festival du nouveau cinéma will be announced at a press conference to be held on September 26, 2017.

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