



**29th European Union Film Festival
Kicks Off November 13th**

Annual Festival Celebrating the Best
of European Cinema in Ottawa Since 1984

OTTAWA (November 5, 2014) – The Delegation of the European Union to Canada, the Canadian Film Institute (CFI) and the Member States of the European Union are proud to present the 29th European Union Film Festival (EUFF), getting underway November 13 and running through November 30 in the Nation's Capital.

"The Festival is a celebration of Europe's rich and diverse film heritage," said European Union Ambassador Marie-Anne Coninx. "It is an opportunity for Canadians to experience European cinema and appreciate Europe's outstanding film talent."

This year's Festival features international, award-winning, and Oscar-submitted films from 27 countries across the European Union, presented in their original languages with English subtitles. The 29th European Union Film Festival starts with the Italian romantic comedy *A Special Day* on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00PM.

Special guest filmmakers coming to Ottawa for the EU Film Festival to present their work this year include Slovak director, Jonáš Karásek (*The Candidate*) and Latvian-American animator, Signe Baumane (*Rocks in my pockets*).

"This year's edition has it all: substance, style, and incredible variety," says Tom McSorley, Executive Director of the Canadian Film Institute. "The 2014 EUFF has everything from romantic comedy to historical drama to edgy documentary to an animated feature film. The range is amazing. We're so pleased with this year's selection, drawn from films that have played at prestigious festivals such as Cannes, Berlin, San Sebastian, Toronto, and Venice. In addition, we're thrilled to have two European guest film artists attending the Festival to present their films."

As in past years, a number of festival evenings will be introduced with exclusive video greetings from filmmakers, and many of the films are followed by complimentary Embassy receptions. All of the films in the Festival are Ottawa premieres.

Each screening will take place at the Auditorium of the Library and Archives Building, 395 Wellington St., in Ottawa. Advance tickets are available for purchase through the Canadian Film Institute website (www.cfi-icf.ca/euff). Limited rush tickets and passes are available at the door every night of the festival. Tickets are \$12 for the general public and \$8 for members, seniors, and students. Five-film passports are also available to CFI members for \$35. Memberships, which offer a subscription discount on CFI events for a year, are offered at \$15 each or two for \$25. Visit www.euff.ca or www.cfi-icf.ca for the complete film lineup.

The Canadian Film Institute (CFI) was incorporated in 1935 as a federally-chartered, nongovernmental, non-profit cultural organization. It is the oldest film institution in Canada and the second oldest film institute in the world. More information about the organization can be found online at www.cfi-icf.ca.

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