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It's Time For Shorts! (Short Films that is...) European Union Short Film Festival Returns to Ottawa for Second Straight Year

OTTAWA (May 19, 2015) – The Canadian Film Institute (CFI), in collaboration with the European Union Delegation to Canada, the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC) and the diplomatic missions of EU Member States, is pleased to present the second edition of the European Union Short Film Festival, which runs May 28th-30th at Club SAW (67 Nicholas Street).

"We're excited to present this festival of short films from the European Union again this year," says CFI Executive Director Tom McSorley. "Last year's European Union Short Film Festival was a great success and we're hoping the Festival is received with the same enthusiasm again in 2015."

The European Union Short Film Festival features an engaging series of 18 short films showcasing the breadth and diversity of short film production in the European Union. A variety of formats, including drama, documentary, and animation are included in this year's programming. All presentations are Ottawa premieres and will be presented in their original language with English sub-titles.

The Festival is free to attend, however seating is limited. Guests are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early to guarantee a spot. Each night of the Festival will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Tastes of Europe, a short reception-style gathering where a selection of traditional European food and refreshments (courtesy of the diplomatic missions of EU Member States) will be available. Scheduled screenings will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The Canadian Film Institute (CFI) was incorporated in 1935 as a federally-chartered, nongovernmental, non-profit cultural organization. Celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2015, 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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