

Film Circuit Tours The Best In Contemporary Canadian Cinema In India And Nepal

Toronto - Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival Group, tours four Canadian films with guests to Mumbai, India and for the first time to Kathmandu, Nepal, beginning January 18. The films are Aubrey Nealon's *A SIMPLE CURVE*, Sarah Polley's *AWAY FROM HER*, Bernard ?mond's *LA NEUVAIN*, and Michael McGowan's *SAINT RALPH*. Guests include Film Circuit Director and founder Cam Haynes, and the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, who will present a special screening of *AWAY FROM HER* on January 18 in Mumbai with Bollywood star Rahul Bose. Director Aubrey Nealon (*A SIMPLE CURVE*) and actor Shauna MacDonald (*SAINT RALPH*) will also attend screenings of their films.

"The support behind this tour has been phenomenal," said Cam Haynes, Director and founder of Film Circuit. "We're especially pleased that audiences will have the opportunity to experience and engage with these films with the filmmakers present. We're thrilled to be building a market for Canadian film internationally, and believe our filmmakers' stories have the potential to change the way new audiences see Canadian culture and the world."

Full film descriptions and schedule attached.

Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival Group (TIFFG), provides filmgoers in under-served communities, transformative experiences through access to Canadian and international independent films they would otherwise not have the opportunity to see. With 185 groups across Canada and in 35 countries around the world, Film Circuit is essential in helping TIFFG lead the world in building markets and audiences for Canadian work. Film Circuit is the recipient of the Peter F. Drucker Award for Canadian Nonprofit Innovation presented by the Peter F. Drucker Canadian Foundation. For more information visit filmcircuit.ca.

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FILM CIRCUIT: CANADIAN CINEMA SHOWCASE MUMBAI, INDIA

Thursday January 18 9:15pm *AWAY FROM HER* - hosted by Bollywood star Rahul Bose and presented by the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario

Acclaimed Canadian actress Sarah Polley makes her powerful and affecting directorial debut with *AWAY FROM HER*, an adaptation of "The Bear Came over the Mountain," by Canadian author Alice Munro. Julie Christie and Gordon Pinsent star as Fiona and Grant, a couple whose longtime love is challenged by the ravages of Alzheimer's disease. (National Centre for the Performing Arts, Jamshed Bhabha Theatre, Nariman Point, South Mumbai)

Friday January 19

7pm *SAINT RALPH* - actor Shauna MacDonald in attendance

Michael McGowan's *SAINT RALPH* is the unlikely story of Ralph Walker, a ninth grader who is on the verge of becoming an orphan: his father is dead and his mother is in a coma. Hoping to bring about a miracle that will bring her back to health, Ralph, with the help of the one mentor who believes in him, outruns everyone's expectations except his own in his deluded but fantastical quest to win the 1959 Boston Marathon. (INOX Multiplex, CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, South Mumbai)

Saturday January 20

7pm *LA NEUVAIN*

Set in small-town Quebec, Bernard ?mond's *LA NEUVAIN* weaves together the stories of two strangers brought together by a chance meeting. When Fran?ois persuades Jeanne not to drown herself in the St. Lawrence River, her faith in herself and humanity slowly begins to return. Fran?ois, meanwhile, is performing a novena - a prayer offered over nine days - to aid his ailing grandmother. *LA NEUVAIN* is a profoundly moving film that touches upon questions of how faith, while affirming the power of human relationships. (INOX Multiplex, CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, South Mumbai)

9pm *A SIMPLE CURVE* -- director Aubrey Nealon in attendance. (INOX Multiplex, CR-2 Mall, Nariman Point, South Mumbai) Rebellious against one's parents is generally considered a rite of passage for teenagers, but twenty-seven-year-old Caleb's laid-back, hippie parents have given him almost nothing to rebel against. When an old friend shows up in the valley with plans to develop a fishing lodge, Caleb sees a way to forge his own way in the world at last. Shot in the stunning Kootenay Mountains of British Columbia, Aubrey Nealon's *A SIMPLE CURVE* is a delightful and hilarious look at contemporary differences between the hippies of days past and their children. (INOX Multiplex, CR-2 Mall, Nariman

Point, South Mumbai)

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Tuesday January 23

6pm SAINT RALPH - actor Shauna MacDonald in attendance (Kumari Cinema, Kamal Pokhari, Kathmandu)

Wednesday January 24

6pm LA NEUVAINNE (Kumari Cinema, Kamal Pokhari, Kathmandu)

Thursday January 25

6pm A SIMPLE CURVE -- director Aubrey Nealon in attendance (Kumari Cinema, Kamal Pokhari, Kathmandu)

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