



FIFEM 21st EDITION MARCH 3rd TO THE 11th 2018

TAMMY VERGE AND ANTOINE VÉZINA, SPOKESPERSONS OF THE 21st EDITION

« LE PETIT SPIROU » BY NICOLAS BARY: OPENING FILM

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MONTREAL, Tuesday, January 30, 2018 - The **Montreal International Children's Film Festival (FIFEM)** is pleased to announce that comedians **Tammy Verge** and **Antoine Vézina** are the proud spokespersons of its 21st edition to be held during springbreak, from March 3rd to 11th. As every year, the festival promises a colourful program that will bring together the best of children's cinema. Besides, the popular French film **LE PETIT SPIROU** by Nicolas Bary will kick off the festival.

FIFEM is proud to welcome **Tammy Verge** and **Antoine Vézina** as honorary spokespersons. A well-known couple in Quebec's cultural milieu, the two actors will also assume the roles of jury presidents. Actress, columnist, host, and regular LNI player, **Tammy Verge** excels in all areas. In cinema, she notably played Caroline's role in Éric Tessier's *Pee-Wee 3D*. On television, her sense of humour was noticed in *Dieu merci* and in *Et si?* Chronic writer for the show *Testé sur les humains*, she also animated the treasure hunt on the Historia channel. In theater, we could see her in the play *La liste de mes envies*, presented at the Rideau Vert. Finally, we can hear her on CKOI famous show *Debout les comiques!* **Antoine Vézina** is a versatile comedian. On the small screen, we know him especially for his key roles in *La Job*, *MED* and *LOL* :-). He is also participating in the new program *Ouvrez les guillemets*, broadcasted on Radio-Canada. In cinema, he has multiplied appearances in films such as *Les Boys IV*, *Ma fille, mon ange*, *Les 3 p'tits cochons* and, more recently, *Votez Bougon!* On the radio, he is a contributor to the show *Les Fantastiques* on the waves of Rouge FM.

*At the opening of the festival, the film **LE PETIT SPIROU**, adaptation of the popular eponymous comic strip, will be presented in a special screening on February 25 at the Outremont Theatre. After The Children of Timpelbach based on Henry Winterfeld's novel in 2008, then Au bonheur des ogres largely inspired by Daniel Pennac's eponymous novel in 2013, director Nicolas Bary is honoured this time with the zany adventures of turbulent little redhead. The film brings together an impressive cast: Pierre Richard, François Damiens, Philippe Katherine, Natacha Regnier and Sacha Pinault, who plays Petit Spirou, for whom it is a first role on the big screen. Distributed by TVA Films, **LE PETIT SPIROU** will be released in theatres on March 2nd.*

Petit Spirou, like all his family before him, has a career destiny all traced. When his mother announces that he will integrate the groom's school at the beginning of the new school year, Petit Spirou, with the help of his friends, will take advantage of his last days of class to declare his love to Suzette. And no matter how. They decide to live an extraordinary adventure.

From **March 3 to 11, 2018**, **FIFEM** will invite families to a world tour in 9 days with more than 100 films coming from China, Iceland, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Colombia, or Burkina Faso.



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