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Vermont PBS and RETN Partner to Bring Viewers Four Montreal Films from the National Film Board of Canada

Organizations Partner with Vermont International Film Foundation on Screenings

Colchester, Vt. – March 30, 2017 – Vermont PBS and RETN today announced a key partnership that allows both organizations to air four films from the National Film Board of Canada. All four films provide unique views and explore the interesting people of Montreal. Dubbed “Of Montreal,” the series is an exploration of various aspects of life and culture in Montreal. The four films in the series are:

Outbreak: Anatomy of a Plague. This film uses the example of Montreal’s 1885 smallpox epidemic to conceive what may happen under similar circumstances in the modern day.

St. Henri, the 26th of August. Fourteen filmmakers recorded multiple stories in the Montreal neighborhood of Saint- Henri. The resulting film is a touching, funny and fascinating day-in-the-life of an eclectic community.

Ladies and Gentlemen... Mr. Leonard Cohen. This informal black-and-white portrait of Leonard Cohen shows him at age 30 on a visit to his hometown of Montreal, where the poet, novelist and songwriter comes "to renew his neurotic affiliations."

Ninth Floor. What began as a student protest against racism evolves into one of the most contested episodes in a nation’s history when riot police storm the occupied ninth floor computer lab at Sir George Williams University in the turbulent 1960s.

In addition to being aired on Vermont PBS and RETN, *Ladies and Gentlemen... Mr. Leonard Cohen* and *Ninth Floor* will be screened by the Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) at its [Global Roots Film Festival: Quebec](#) on April 8th at Contois Auditorium in Burlington.

Air dates for Vermont PBS and RETN are as follows:

Vermont PBS Premieres:

Thursday, 4/6, 7pm: Outbreak
Thursday, 4/13, 7pm: St. Henri
Thursday, 4/20, 7pm: Mr. Leonard Cohen
Thursday, 4/27, 7pm: Ninth Floor

RETN Premieres:

Sunday, 4/16, 8pm: Outbreak
Sunday, 4/23, 8pm: St Henri
Sunday, 4/30, 8pm: Mr. Leonard Cohen
Sunday, 5/7, 8pm: The Ninth Floor

“Showing beautiful films that reflect our regional identity is core to what we do at Vermont PBS,” said Scott Campitelli, Vice President for Content at Vermont PBS. “We’re so pleased to bring these Canadian films to Vermont television and online viewers in partnership with RETN.”

"These gorgeous and thought-provoking films are a great way to explore Montreal and deepen our viewers' understanding of our neighbors to the north," said RETN Executive Director Jess Wilson. "We are grateful that our partnership with Vermont PBS and VTIFF will help us bring the films to a much wider audience."

RETN Channel 16 serves the cable viewers of Chittenden and Northern Addison Counties. Its mission is to make media accessible to students and lifelong learners to advance education and civic engagement. Learn more at www.retn.org.

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