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## **A BIG SUCCESS FOR THE 28<sup>th</sup> CINÉMENTAL**

Sunday, November 3, 2019 - The 28th edition of Cinémental was a great success! The Festival des films francophones au Manitoba received more than 1,700 spectators, a slight decrease compared to an exceptional year in 2018. The event took place from October 25 to 27 at Cinema 8 Towne, and from November 1 to 3 at the CCFM.

Audiences of all ages expressed great satisfaction with the programming of high-quality films in a variety of genres: fiction, documentary, drama and comedy. Our Surprise Me slogan reflected a rich and diverse mix of productions from Canada, France, and Belgium.

The most popular films, voted by the public, were:

**Kuessipan, Edmond, La chute de l'empire américain, Il pleuvait des oiseaux, Belle et Sébastien 3, Les aventures de Rémi, Grâce à Dieu, Menteur et Les vieux fourneaux.**

The following is a list of the prizes awarded during the festival.

La **Gerbe d'or**, people's choice award, is given to:

### **FLORENT VOLLANT, FAISEUR DE MAKUSHAM**

*this documentary, made with great humanity by Éli Laliberté, presents a very touching portrait of the author, composer, performer Florent Vollant, who generously shares his story. It will inspire many generations in search of sensitive, powerful and stimulating testimonials. A certificate will be sent to the director of the film.*

**L'Épi d'or**, Canada's favorite French-Canadian short film award (a festival certificate), was awarded to:

Professionnal category: **Bêtes de famille** d'Alexandra Lemay, NFB production

Amateur category: **La légende du Titanic** de Milan Ishpatao, Wapikoni production.

**The Cinémental Award** for the best French-Canadian short film of the Festival, was awarded by a jury, formed this year by Marc Beaudry, Laïssa Pamou, Mathilde Errard. Were awarded / a one-year broadcast through cinemental.com and amounts of: \$400, professional category / \$200, amateur category / \$100, kino category.

Professionnal Category: **Émergences** by Clarissa Rebouças and Julie Bernier, A production distributed by Spira

Special mention to: **Étreintes** de Justine Vuylsteker

Amateur category: **Le bébé** by Miles Macdonell Collegiate team (Productions FVM)

Congratulations to Jacob Markham, Etienne Loney, Savannah Jolicoeur et Josh Geddert

Special mention to: **La légende du Titanic**

Kino-Manitoba category: **La règle du jeu** and **Où est-elle partie?** / Université de Saint-Boniface, multimédia program.

As part of the school program, a record of more than 5,200 students attended last week's screening of the films: **La course des tuques** et **Astérix le secret de la potion magique**.

Thank you to the public and our guests: **Émile Gaudreault, Vincent Leclerc, Catherine Chabot, Éli Laliberté, David Uloth and Chloé Cinq-Mars. A big thank you to François Lemieux and Marc-Antoine Lévesque** from the Québec Cinema tour. Thank you to the board members and volunteers. See you in 2020.

Info : Marc François Tremblay - Cinémental 2019.