

COURS ÉCRIRE TON COURT – SPRINT FOR YOUR SCRIPT

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 13TH EDITION

Montréal, June 21, 2011 — La Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (SODEC), in collaboration with the Société des auteurs de radio, télévision et cinéma (SARTEC), the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec (CALQ), the Festival du nouveau cinéma de Montréal, Jimmy Lee, Sid Lee, the Writers Guild of Canada (WGC), the Bureau du cinéma et de la télévision de Montréal and the arrondissement de Lachine, invite up-and-coming screenwriters to participate in **COURS ÉCRIRE TON COURT**. For the thirteenth edition, screenwriters are requested to submit the first version of their scripted screenplay for a short fiction or animated film of no longer than 12 minutes by **August 1, 2011**.

A pre-selection committee, to include a representative in charge of mentoring from the SARTEC, a representative from the WGC, as well as a filmmaker, will select seven projects from the submissions received. The choices will be made based on the narrative quality of the scripts, their cinematographic potential, as well as the author's vision.

SCREENWRITING WORKSHOPS: AN INCREDIBLE CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY!

A key component of the competition, these workshops will offer finalists the unique opportunity to benefit from advice from experienced screenwriters. As well, mentors will accompany each participant throughout the contest to help with revising his/her screenplay. Intended to be interactive, these sessions will take the form of work sessions and discussions, either on an individual or a group basis and will take place on September 18 and 19, as well as on October 2 and 3 at the Vieille brasserie, part of the Guy-Descary Cultural Centre. The site is a courtesy of the Bureau du cinéma et de la télévision de Montréal, along with the arrondissement de Lachine.

Finalists will also have the opportunity to present their work to experienced producers in front of an audience of industry professionals. This presentation will be followed by a closing cocktail and the awards ceremony as part of the 40th edition du Festival du nouveau cinéma (October 12 to 23, 2011).

Upon receipt of the final version of the screenplays, a five-member jury will select the winners of the following prizes:

- The **Grand Prix**, worth a total of \$8,000, will be awarded to the best screenplay, which includes the opportunity to participate in the prestigious Festival International du court métrage de Clermont-Ferrand all expenses paid by the SODEC, worth \$3,000, where the winner will enjoy unlimited access to screenings and participate in various professional activities. As well, the *Prix à l'écriture cinématographique*, worth \$5,000, will be awarded by the CALQ (Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec).
- The **Prix SODEC/SARTEC**, worth a total of \$4,000 will be awarded to the runner-up screenplay. The winner will participate in the Festival International du court métrage de Clermont-Ferrand, all expenses paid by the SODEC worth \$3,000, where the winner will enjoy unlimited access to screenings and will participate in various professional activities. The SARTEC will also add the *Prix spécial du jury* worth \$1,000.
- The **WGC/JIMMY LEE Prize** for the Best English Language Script worth \$1,000.

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The eligibility criteria are available on the SODEC homepage at www.sodec.gouv.qc.ca

Projects, whether in English or in French, will be evaluated according to the following criteria: narrative quality, cinematographic potential, the author's vision, and the appropriateness for the short film format.

Between August 22 and 24, 2011, the SODEC will only contact candidates whose projects have been selected. Decisions are final and no comments concerning project evaluations will be communicated to unsuccessful participants.

Le Programme d'aide aux jeunes créateurs de la SODEC

The SODEC's Programme d'aide aux jeunes créateurs aims to provide the necessary tools to young screenwriters, directors, and producers to help them create innovative cinema.

For more details and to access the application form, please click here: www.sodec.gouv.qc.ca

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