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Feature Film Lineup Announced for the 2014 Milton Film Festival

Milton, Ontario (November 22nd, 2013): Representatives from the Milton Film Festival Committee and members of the public and press were all in attendance on Wednesday at the Milton Centre for the Arts as the festival's eight feature film selections were revealed.

Presented in true film festival style complete with a logo backdrop and slideshow, the much anticipated announcement was made by festival M.C and host Ron Base. Base is well known in Milton as a local author, but it is his former role as the film critic for the Toronto Star that led to his being invited to participate in the festival.

After introductory remarks by festival director and committee chair Jennifer Smith, Base began by praising the efforts being made by the committee to bring the film festival experience to Milton.

“Despite the growing size of this community, we are starved for good, quality films here”, Base said. “Thanks to the Milton Film Festival, the famine is over.”

Base then revealed the eight movies selected for the festival's main program, which he described as a “provocative, entertaining, and enlightening” mix of films, not widely seen but not to be missed.

BLANCANIEVES

From Spain, a silent film inspired by the Brothers' Grimm tale Snow White, set in the 1920s in the world of Spanish matadors.

SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED

A quirky, unconventional comedy about three magazine employees who head out on an assignment to interview a man who placed a classified ad seeking a companion for time travel.

THE LAST WHITE KNIGHT

A documentary by Toronto filmmaker and former civil rights worker Paul Saltzman, who returns to Mississippi to interview the KKK member who attacked him more than 40 years earlier.

THE HUNT (Saturday Gala Screening)

Denmark's submission for this year's Best Foreign Language Oscar, starring Mads Mikkelsen as a daycare teacher falsely accused of abusing a child.

FRANCES HA

Greta Gerwig stars as Frances, a New York woman who apprentices for a dance company, and throws herself headlong into her dreams with unaccountable joy and lightness.

KUMARE

A provocative social experiment-turned-documentary by filmmaker Vikram Gandhi as he transforms himself into a wise – but completely fictional - Indian guru.

LAURENCE ANYWAYS

A moving film from award winning Quebec director Xavier Dolan, charting ten years in a couple's relationship as one of them undergoes a profound transformation.

ENGLISH VINGLISH

Bollywood superstar Sridevi returns to the screen after a 15 year absence as a quiet, sweet tempered housewife from India determined to learn English while on a trip to New York.

The presentation concluded with a surprise appearance by the festival's special guest filmmaker Steve Belford, a Milton native who has enjoyed success as an actor in television series such as *'Degrassi: The Next Generation'* and *'G-Spot'*, and

has recently branched out as a writer and director.

Belford will be showing at least one of his films at the festival as part of the shorts program, which will feature films by local and regional filmmakers to be screened before each feature. He encouraged everyone to check the festival's website at www.miltonfilmfest.com on December 8th, when the rest of the short film selections will be announced.

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