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**2018 FIN Kids Festival Tour takes youth-friendly films on the road, Oct. 11 - Nov. 1**

(Halifax, NS) -- After a highly successful year in 2017, the **FIN Kids Festival Tour** (formerly ViewFinders Atlantic Film Festival for Youth and ViewFinder School Tour) has returned to once again engage, entertain and inspire thousands of Atlantic Canadian students.

The FIN Kids Festival Tour, presented by FIN Atlantic International Film Festival, will take over Cineplex Cinemas Theatres during school hours to present films for youth. Covering a wide variety of topics from multiculturalism to technology and environmentalism to inclusivity, all screenings are **free of charge** and open to interested schools. Reservations are required.

**Dates and locations, include:**

October 11    **Yarmouth, NS**  
October 17    **Halifax, NS** (English program)  
October 18    **Halifax, NS** (French program)  
October 23    **Charlottetown, PE**  
October 25    **Saint John, NB**  
November 1   **Sydney, NS**

**Educators and schools can register here:** [www.finfestival.ca/festival-tour](http://www.finfestival.ca/festival-tour)

Offering the most diverse FIN Kids program yet, the festival aims to provide youth audiences with a varied program of films from the Atlantic Provinces, Canada, and internationally. The line-up includes 49 screenings of feature films, documentaries, and short film programs and 62 films from nine different countries (all selected with the help of a Teacher's Advisory Committee).

In addition to showing carefully curated youth-friendly festival films, the FIN Kids Festival Tour introduces students to the wonderful world of filmmaking through hands-on media workshops. The tour brings in local industry professionals from the areas they visit so that the youth can see strong examples of having a local career in film, storytelling and the arts.

"The opportunity to expand this event to include other communities and provinces has been a game changer for us as we have seen audience attendance grow at an extraordinary rate," says Wayne Carter, Executive Director at FIN Kids. "The ability to tour these incredibly important stories that encompass so many different facets of today's youth experience is an honour for us here at the Festival."

The Festival Tour is also promoting the annual FIN Kids Film Competition, coming in April 2019. This opportunity encourages young people to create their very own short film to share with an audience on the big screen. Past competitors have gone on to pursue careers in the film industry and to even show their work at the Atlantic International Film Festival and beyond. The 2019 FIN Kids Film Competition Call For Entries officially opens upon the completion of this year's Festival Tour on Monday, November 5, 2018, with our final deadline set for Friday, March 8, 2019. For more information, visit our FilmFreeway submissions page:

<https://filmfreeway.com/FINKidsFilmCompetition>

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### **About FIN Kids**

FIN Kids began as ViewFinders, a week-long film festival for young people and their families in 2002. Since then, the FIN Kids Festival Tour has grown into an Atlantic Canada-wide youth initiative that brings the FIN experience to school groups and communities across the region, while the annual FIN Kids Film Competition provides a platform for young filmmakers - a proven launching pad for the next generation of Atlantic Canadian talent. FIN Kids is an integral part of the FIN family of events and activities, which includes the cornerstone event, the Atlantic International Film Festival taking place every September. The FIN Kids mission is the same as all the FIN programs: to present curated movies and shorts exploring vast emotional journeys that engage, entertain and invigorate Atlantic Canadians.

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