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**2019 FIN Kids Festival Tour takes youth-friendly films
around the Maritimes, October 16 - November 7**

(Halifax, NS) -- The **FIN Kids Festival Tour**, presented by **FIN Atlantic International Film Festival**, will once again engage, entertain and inspire thousands of Atlantic Canadian students this fall by visiting five locations throughout the Maritimes, October 16 - November 7.

Covering a wide variety of topics from multiculturalism to technology and environmentalism to inclusivity, the FIN Kids Festival Tour will take over Cineplex Cinemas Theatres during school hours to present films for youth.

Upcoming tour dates, include:

October 16	Charlottetown
October 18	New Glasgow
October 22	Yarmouth
October 24	Fredericton
November 6	Halifax (English program)
November 7	Halifax (French program)

Screenings are free of charge and open to interested schools. Reservations are required.

Educators can register here: www.finfestival.ca/festival-tour.

Offering one of the most epic and unforgettable FIN Kids programs yet, the festival aims to provide youth audiences with a varied program of films from the Atlantic Provinces, Canada, and internationally. This year's line-up includes 48 screenings of feature films, documentaries, and short film programs and 50 films from eight different countries, all specifically 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.

See the 2019 FIN Kids Festival Tour Program Guide for each location here:

www.finfestival.ca/festival-tour.

"Bringing this very special youth-oriented Film Festival experience to youth across the Maritime provinces has been both rewarding, and we feel incredibly valuable," says Wayne Carter, Executive Director at FIN Kids. "The program encompasses content that addresses so many key issues and ideas that are of interest to youth of all ages whilst being both enlightening and

entertaining. This is the inherent value of a Film Festival and we are so proud to make it more accessible than ever before.”

The Festival Tour is also promoting the annual FIN Kids Youth Film Competition, coming in April 2020. 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 FIN Atlantic International Film Festival and beyond. The 2020 FIN Kids Youth Film Competition Call For Entries officially opens on Monday, November 18, 2019, with our final deadline set for Monday, March 23, 2020. 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.

For more information on FIN Kids, visit: finkids.ca.

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