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THE FORBIDDEN ROOM by Guy Maddin

CLOSING FILM OF THE 44TH FESTIVAL DU NOUVEAU CINÉMA DE MONTRÉAL

Montreal, Tuesday, September 1, 2015 – The Festival du nouveau cinéma (FNC) is pleased to announce that ***The Forbidden Room***, directed by **Guy Maddin** (*My Winnipeg*, *The Saddest Music in the World*), will wrap up its 44th edition on Saturday, October 17. After doing the rounds of international festivals including Sundance, Locarno and Berlin, this ambitious project by one of the FNC's favourite filmmakers, multidisciplinary artist Guy Maddin, will make its Quebec premiere with a whole new version and with french subtitles at Place des Arts' Théâtre Maisonneuve.

The film, co-directed with Evan Johnson and structured around a blend of installation, live action shots and interactivity, tells the story of a mysterious woodsman who inexplicably appears aboard a submarine stuck underwater for months with an explosive cargo. The terrified crew, forced to stalk the hallways of the condemned vessel, set off on a journey toward the source of their most gut-wrenching fears.

Produced by Phi Films, Buffalo Gal Pictures and the NFB and shot at the Phi Centre in Montreal but also at the Centre Pompidou in Paris, the film stars, among others, Roy Dupuis, Clara Furey, Louis Negin, Mathieu Amalric, Geraldine Chaplin, Marie Brassard, Udo Kier, Sophie Desmarais, Charlotte Rampling, Paul Ahmarani, Karine Vanasse, Jacques Nolot, Amira Casar and Caroline Dhavernas.

Distributed by Métropole Films in Quebec, the film will begin an exclusive theatrical run at the Phi Centre and Cinéma du Parc on October 23.

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The full lineup of the 44th Festival du nouveau cinéma will be announced at a press conference on Tuesday, September 29 at 11 a.m. at the Agora in UQÀM's Cœur des sciences (175 av. Président-Kennedy, corner of Jeanne-Mance).

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