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For 20 years of screenings we have never charged admission at the door. Instead, we rely on donations from audiences who pay what they can. No one's turned away!

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THE ROARING TWENTIES THE FIGHT GOES ON

This Fall season marks 20 years of Cinema Politica Concordia screenings, and we couldn't be more excited by our lineup of 11 incredible film events. In this program discover the many intersecting lines of:

IDENTITY and its bold exploration and expression;

RESOLVE and the courageous fighters who refuse to let illegitimate power rest;

CARE—especially by the communities who guard lands, attend to ecological, personal and political wounds and help each other to live lives with dignity and purpose;

IMAGINATION from the creativity of the films themselves to the worlds activists imagine, to the ways in which creative, caring people innovate for community, and lastly

COLLECTIVE WISDOM—the titular name of the expansive book, the launch of which is part of our program, and a term that eloquently and mischievously brings these cinematic works from varied places and experiences together in one commanding cadre for change.

SCREENING TRUTH TO POWER

Cinema Politica is a Montreal-based, nonprofit, media arts network of community and campus locals that screens and distributes independent political film and video by Canadian, Indigenous and international artists throughout Canada and abroad since 2003.

Through collected donations, university fee levies, and support from the Canada Council for the Arts, Cinema Politica has built an expansive alternative distribution and exhibition network for independent political film and video artists. We program works that challenge conventional fiction and documentary narratives, as well as films that explore under-represented stories and characters.

Cinema Politica is committed to supporting alternative, independent, and radical political film and video and the artists who dare to devote time, passion and resources to telling stories from the margins. These are the stories that confront and challenge convention, that show solidarity with those who are oppressed, who struggle, and who are seldom seen or heard in the mainstream media.

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CINEMA POLITICA

THE ROARING TWENTIES

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Concordia University
Fall 23 Program

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All screenings are on **Mondays at 7PM**
unless otherwise noted
Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve W. Room H-110

Admission by donation
Wheelchair accessible

SEP 25 WE ARE GUARDIANS



EDIVAN GUAJAJARA, CHELSEA GREENE, ROB GROBMAN / BRAZIL, US, GREECE / 2023 / 82'

A dramatic and energetic journey into the daring struggle of Indigenous land-defenders in the Brazilian Amazon that connects ecological balance with environmental activism.

OCT 2 SOMEONE LIVES HERE



ZACK RUSSELL / CANADA / 2023 / 75'

Montreal premiere, with guests / A David vs. Goliath tale of a carpenter who goes up against the City of Toronto in his compassionate effort to provide tiny shelters to the city's homeless.

OCT 10 (TUESDAY) BREAKING SOCIAL



FREDRIK GERTTEN / SWEDEN / 2023 / 93'

Montreal premiere, with guests / An illuminating and alarming global investigation into the degradation of the social contract by ways of corruption, kleptocracy and extractivism and those who fight against anti-public forces.

OCT 16 COLLECTIVE WISDOM BOOK LAUNCH



KATERINA CIZEK & WILLIAM URICCHIO / MIT PRESS / 2022

With Katerina Cizek, Jason Lewis, Lucas LaRochelle and Salima Punjani / To challenge the auteur perspective and celebrate collaborative media-making, this event centers *Collective Wisdom*, a new book that underscores co-creation's flourishing, and its importance in the pursuit of equitable and community-driven nonfiction media-making.

OCT 23 MILISUTHANDO



MILISUTHANDO BONGELA / SOUTH AFRICA, COLOMBIA / 2023 / 128'

Montreal premiere, with guests / A stunning mix of archives from apartheid-era South Africa, along with contemporary contemplations, sets the stage for this deeply personal and poetic exploration of race, place, history, and identity.

OCT 30 BAGHDAD ON FIRE



KARRAR AL-AZZAWI / IRAQ, NORWAY / 2023 / 65'

Montreal premiere, with guests / This gut-wrenching and inspirational doc follows 19 year-old Tiba and other Iraqi youth front-line activists risking their lives to bring justice and peace to a burning country 20 years after the US invasion.

NOV 6 LABOR



TOVE PILS / SWEDEN / 2023 / 95'

Montreal premiere, with guests / An affecting and deeply personal film told through intimate vignettes and interviews, LABOR is about more than sex work—it explores belonging and non-normative forms of friendship, sex, work, and gender.

NOV 13 THE BATTLE OF LA PLAINE



SANDRA ACH, NICOLAS BURLAUD, THOMAS HAKENHOLZ / FRANCE / 2020 / 76'

With guests / A wild and politically super-charged film follows the epic battle for community space in Marseilles where neighbourhood activists fight off corporate rezoning and gentrification with protests, dances, fairs and the unstoppable spirit of *la commune*.

NOV 27 THE SOCIETY OF THE SPECTACLE



ROXY FARHAT AND GÖRAN HUGO OLSSON / SWEDEN / 2023 / 94'

Montreal premiere, with guests / Guy Debord's prophetic theory from nearly six decades ago is interrogated by radical thinkers and interpreted through a mosaic of contemporary consumer spectacles, resulting in a fantastic thought and image experiment.

DEC 4 QUEER CINEMA FOR PALESTINE



VARIOUS / PALESTINE / 90 MIN

Montreal premiere, with guests / In solidarity with hundreds of international queer filmmakers and artists who have pledged to work against Israeli pinkwashing, we take part in a special global festival dedicated to the ongoing struggle for Palestinian liberation.

DEC 11 TAUTUKTAVUK (WHAT WE SEE)



LUCY TULUGARJUK AND CAROL KUNNUK / CANADA / 2023 / 82'

Montreal premiere, with guests / Defiantly and subtly intersectional, this contemplative Inuit film explores the converging points between pandemic measures, domestic violence, family and intergenerational trauma.