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26th ANNUAL ONE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS
the Official Candidates Debate on LGBTQ Issues for Ottawa-Gatineau

Paul Dewar, Catherine McKenna, and Tom Milroy tackle issues affecting LGBTQ youth and communities across Canada on Friday, September 25, 2015 at the National Gallery of Canada.

September 2, 2015, OTTAWA — One World Film Festival partners with the **Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity**, the **AIDS Committee of Ottawa**, **Ten Oaks Project**, **Gender Mosaic**, and ***Kind** to present Canada's only 2015 Candidates Debate focusing on LGBTQ issues, featuring representatives from the Ottawa Centre riding: **Paul Dewar** (NDP), **Catherine McKenna** (Liberal), **Tom Milroy** (Green), and a candidate from the Conservative Party (to be confirmed).

"This debate is critical for the Ottawa-Gatineau community. Unlike regional debates, this event speaks to the needs of LGBTQ communities, discussing issues like trans rights, HIV criminalization laws, the blood-ban, support services for youth at risk, and community-based educational programs to raise awareness." - **Jeremy Dias**, Director of the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity

Moderated by Dawn Moore, President of Ten Oaks Project, the debate takes place on **Friday, September 25, 2015 at 7:30pm** at the **National Gallery of Canada**, following the Ottawa premiere at **6:00pm** of *The Year We Thought About Love*, a documentary about an LGBTQ youth theatre troupe in Boston.

The Year We Thought About Love

Directed by Ellen Brodsky | United States | 2014 | 68 min
With wit, grace, and attitude, a diverse troupe of LGBTQ teens transforms their personal struggles into theatre for social change. Ellen Brodsky's documentary is an inspiring portrait of youth demonstrating the power of living a life honestly and out loud.



Following the debate, the OWFF program continues with **Landfill Harmonic**, a moving documentary about the young musicians of Paraguay's Recycled Orchestra, at 8:45pm.

Representatives from all involved organizations are available for interviews prior to the event. Please contact **OWFF Communications Coordinator Zoë Mallett** by phone at **613 762 9453** or by email at **media@oneworldarts.ca** for more information. Tickets available at: oneworldfilmfestival.ca

Upcoming OWFF Events

Launch of 26th Annual One World Film Festival and Ottawa Premiere of CHAMELEON
Thursday, September 10, 2015 from 6pm to 8:30pm, ByTowne Cinema (325 Rideau Street)
Media are invited to attend free of charge. Please RSVP to media@oneworldarts.ca

26th Annual One World Film Festival, September 24 to 27, 2015

National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, K1N 9N4

Thursday 24th: "Documenting Democracy"

6pm to 10pm

My Enemy, My Brother (Canada)
Democrats (Denmark)

Saturday 26th: "Our Home on Native Land"

12pm to 5pm

Honour Your Word (Canada)
Canadian Documentary Shorts Program with
Ottawa Indie Fest

Friday 25th: "The Kids Are All Right"

6pm to 10pm

The Year We Thought About Love (USA)
Landfill Harmonic (USA)

6pm to 10pm

After the Last River (Canada)
Haida Gwaii on the Edge of the World (Canada)

Saint Paul University, 322 Main Street, Ottawa, K1S 1C4

Sunday 27th: "Actions Speak Louder Than Words"

Feeling inspired? Take the next step toward action with a full day of films, panels,
and interactive workshops.

About OWFF

The One World Film Festival is the flagship program of One World Arts, a Canadian charitable organization that has been raising awareness and fostering public engagement on global issues since 1972.

The OWFF is Ottawa's longest-running annual documentary film festival. Since 1989, the festival has been raising awareness on a diverse range of global issues through presentations of thought-provoking documentaries, panel discussions, Q&As with filmmakers, workshops, and information fairs with grassroots and non-governmental organizations, connecting audiences with opportunities to learn more about and take action on issues of local and global concern.

The 26th annual OWFF is funded, in part, by grants from the Ontario Arts Council and the City of Ottawa.

For information, visit oneworldfilmfestival.ca and contact **Zoë Mallett**, Communications Coordinator for the OWFF at 613 762 9453 or email media@oneworldarts.ca. For press kits and images visit oneworldfilmfestival.ca/media



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