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"Les amateurs du genre en ont pour leur argent : il y a de nouvelles productions, souvent insolites, très souvent surprenantes"

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Mark O'Brien, the 'Ready or Not' actor, screened his slow-burn occult thriller in-person at the Fantasia Film Festival on Sunday night. "This was literally the greatest professional and personal thrill of my entire life,"

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Fantasia International Film Festival: Artistic Director Mitch Davis Celebrates 25 Years of Honoring Genre Cinema

By Jamie Lang



Credit: Fantasia Festival

Montreal's *Fantasia International Film Festival*, North America's largest genre dedicated film festival, will host a special pre-festival screening of James Gunn's "The Suicide Squad" on Wednesday evening, before kicking off in earnest on Thursday and running Aug. 5-25.

Much of this year's event will be held online, as travel to and from Montreal is still difficult for many would-be attendees, although organizers are also closely monitoring the health and safety guidelines laid out by public officials in Montreal and will host a limited lineup of in-person screenings.

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Dodo Dayao's Philippine Thriller 'Midnight in a Perfect World' Casts Fantasia's Camera Lucida Section in Darkness

By Jamie Lang



Credit: Fantasia Film Festival

In a utopian Manila in a not-too-distant future, strange rolling blackouts cast an almost impenetrable darkness over city streets. When people start to go missing during the night, strict curfews are issued with equally strict punishments levied against those that would violate them.

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Learn to Kill Your Demon in Perry Blackshear's Fantasia Title 'When I Consume You'

By JD Linville



Credit: Fantasia Festival


Perry Blackshear, writer-director of "They Look Like People" and "The Siren," has returned with genre-bending "When I Consume You," a suspenseful twist on revenge and courage in the face of helplessness. Siblings Daphne and Wilson Shaw brave the long shadow of childhood trauma together in a fight with a demon stalker bent on their destruction.

"When I Consume You" stars Blackshear's frequent collaborators Evan Dumouchel and MacLeod Andrews as well as new-to-the-crew Libby Ewing.

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Montreal's Fantasia Festival Unveils First Look at 2021 Lineup with a Focus on Japanese Genre

By Jamie Lang



Credit: Fantasia Festival


Montreal's *Fantasia International Film Festival* has unveiled much of its feature lineup including early highlights from several sidebars for this year's online 25th edition, with the full program to be announced in July.

Fantasia's preliminary lineup is highlighted by a glut of world and premieres including Edoardo Viravelli's "The Last Thing Mary Saw"; fest regular Richard Bates Jr.'s "King Knight"; Michael Bassilli and Luc Walpoth's "Baby Money"; Canadian actor-turned-director Mark O'Brien's debut "The Righteous"; "Hellbender" from John Adams, Toby Poser, and Todd Adamson; and the highly anticipated directorial debut of *Frank the Pug*.

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James Gunn's 'The Suicide Squad' Gets Special Fantasia Fest Screening

By Jamie Lang



Credit: Fantasia Festival

Montreal's *Fantasia International Film Festival* got an early 25th birthday present in the form of James Gunn's "Suicide Squad," which will receive a special screening on Aug. 4, the day before Fantasia officially kicks off with the world premiere of Julien Knafo's zombie thriller "Brain Freeze." Gunn is a long-time friend of the fest, having first attended in 1997 before later returning for the Canadian premiere of his Marvel blockbuster "Guardians of the Galaxy."

Fantasia also unveiled its second wave of features participating at this year's festival, joining a raft of titles announced in May, and will announce the rest of its slate in late July, along with details on several virtual events.

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Fantasia's 25th edition first wave includes Japan focus

BY JEREMY KAY | 10 MAY 2021

Top brass at Fantasia International Film Festival have announced the first wave of films including a focus on Japan for the virtual edition of the 25th anniversary festival that runs August 5-25.

The festival will screen for Canadian audiences on a platform created by Festival.

Source: Fantasia, The Righteous



NEWS

"Give resources to Indigenous people so they can tell the story," Fantasia hears

BY STUART KEMP | 16 AUGUST 2021

A clarion call has rung out to support genre films by Indigenous peoples in North America and beyond and back filmmakers to tell their own stories on the big screen at an artist talk at the 25th edition of Canada's Fantasia International Film Festival.

Source: Fantasia, JIRA, L.A. Aftermath in America, Religion



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South Korea's 'Voice Of Silence' named best film at 2021 Fantasia Fest

BY JEREMY KAY | 16 AUGUST 2021

Fujiwara Hong's South Korean thriller *Voice Of Silence* has won the 25th anniversary edition Fantasia International Film Festival's Cheul Hee award for best film.

Hong's film follows a mute low-level gangster tasked with taking charge of an 11-year-old hitman's education.

Source: Contents Fania, 'Voice Of Silence'



FEATURES



Fantasia Fest artistic director on why scary films thrill him the most

BY STUART KEMP | 5 AUGUST 2021

The almost entirely virtual 25th edition of Canada's Fantasia International Film Festival, running August 5-25, will boast a limited number of physical screenings in Montreal and a slightly larger overall programme than last year's 120-strong line-up.

Scaring up audiences from...

Source: Vincent Perichetto, Fantasia Artistic Director Mitch Davis



NEWS



Fantasia 2021 announces closing night film, final wave of titles

BY JEREMY KAY | 21 JULY 2021

Takashi Miike's *The Great Yokai War - Guardians* will close Fantasia International Film Festival (August 5-25), which festival heads have turned into a hybrid event after adding a limited roster of in-person screenings in Montreal.

Japanese horror specialist...

Source: Courtesy of Fantasia, The Great Yokai War - Guardians



NEWS

Virtual 25th Fantasia International Film Festival to open in August with 'Brain Freeze'

BY JEREMY KAY | 8 APRIL 2021

The virtual 25th edition of Fantasia International Film Festival will run from August 5-25 and open with the world premiere of Quebecois "stem-com" *Brain Freeze*.

The festival will be accessible to a global movie Canada...

Source: Fantasia, 'Brain Freeze'



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Yellow Veil boards select sales rights to Fantasia selection 'When I Consume You' (exclusive)

BY JEREMY KAY | 19 OCTOBER 2021

New York and Los Angeles-based arthouse genre specialist Yellow Veil Pictures has boarded all English-speaking sales rights to Fantasia selection *When I Consume You*.

Perry Blackshear's film gets its US premiere on Monday.

Source: Yellow Veil Pictures, 'When I Consume You'



NEWS

GKids acquires Fantasia anime 'Pompo The Cinephile'

BY JEREMY KAY | 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

GKids has acquired all North American rights from Aeve Pictures to Takayuki Hiro's 2021 Fantasia Film Festival anime *Pompo The Cinephile* (Eiga Daijiki Pompo-San) and plans a 2022 theatrical release.

Hiro's *God Eater: The Garden Of Sinners* film follows a first-time filmmaker.

Source: GKids, 'Pompo The Cinephile'





Fantasia Unveils First Wave Of Titles Ahead Of Virtual 2021 Fest

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



Canadian genre festival Fantasia has unveiled the first crop of titles that will screen at its 21st edition, which is set to take place virtually August 9-15.

As per last year, the event will run as a platform created by Theatrical Bridge and Shifts and will feature screenings, panels and workshops, available to audiences in Canada. Organizers continue to discuss with local authorities about the possibility of adding a limited range of physical events, this year.

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'City On A Hill's Mark O'Brien Joins AMC Series '61st Street'

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



EXCLUSIVE: Mark O'Brien is set to star in AMC's upcoming series '61st Street'. The actor, known for 'The Mentalist', 'The Mindy Project' and 'The Mindy Project', will be joined by 'City On A Hill' star Peter Onorati. The series is executive produced by Michael B. Jordan and produced by AMC Studios.

Ordered as a one-season television event with eight episodes per season, '61st Street' is slated to begin production next month in Chicago for a spring premiere. It reunites O'Brien and Onorati, who worked together on 'City On A Hill'.

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Indiecan Buys North America On Japanese Comedy 'Beyond The Infinite Two Minutes'

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



EXCLUSIVE: Indiecan Entertainment has acquired North American distribution rights to Indiecan's Japanese comedy 'Beyond The Infinite Two Minutes'.

The project is produced by Indiecan International Theatre Film Festival, which is the White House and the White House, before screening in events including Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Vancouver, winning the audience award at the latter. It will have its North American premiere at Montreal's Fantasia.

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Takasaki Miike's 'The Great Yokai War: Guardians' To Close Fantasia; Tribeca Drive-In Sets L.A. Lineup - Festival Briefs

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



The Fantasia International Film Festival will conclude with Takasaki Miike's 'The Great Yokai War: Guardians' which will be the closing night film of the Montreal-based genre fest's 21st edition, which runs August 9-15 as a hybrid online/physical event.

The event closes an expansion festival in their lineup and schedule of panels and events, which includes a special screening of James Cameron's 'The French Agent' at the end of the festival, ahead of

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'Mad God': Watch Debut Trailer For Animation 30 Years In The Making From 'Star Wars' VFX Artist

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



EXCLUSIVE: Watch the debut trailer for 'Mad God', an animated film that has been in the making for 30 years. The film is executive produced by Michael B. Jordan and produced by AMC Studios.

Ordered as a one-season television event with eight episodes per season, 'Mad God' is slated to begin production next month in Chicago for a spring premiere. It reunites O'Brien and Onorati, who worked together on 'City On A Hill'.

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'Indemnity' First Trailer: South African Action Thriller Set To Premiere At Fantasia

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



EXCLUSIVE: Indiecan Entertainment has acquired North American distribution rights to Indiecan's South African action thriller 'Indemnity'.

The project is produced by Indiecan International Theatre Film Festival, which is the White House and the White House, before screening in events including Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Vancouver, winning the audience award at the latter. It will have its North American premiere at Montreal's Fantasia.

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Genre Fest Fantasia To Open With Québécois Zombie Comedy 'Brain Freeze'; Organizers Prepping For Virtual & Physical Events

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



Canada's Fantasy International Film Festival will screen August 9-15 August 16 to wrap, with a virtual event being planned again this year as pandemic challenges continue.

However, organizers will make sure they are continuing to follow advice from local health authorities with the possibility of adding a range of physical events to the lineup, which will include screenings and panels, panels and workshops, all in a digital format.

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'Brain Freeze': First Trailer For Québécois Zombie Comedy Opening Fantasia

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



EXCLUSIVE: Watch the first trailer for 'Brain Freeze', a Québécois zombie comedy that will be the opening night film of the Montreal-based genre fest's 21st edition, which runs August 9-15 as a hybrid online/physical event.

The project is produced by Indiecan International Theatre Film Festival, which is the White House and the White House, before screening in events including Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Vancouver, winning the audience award at the latter. It will have its North American premiere at Montreal's Fantasia.

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'The Suicide Squad' To Screen At Fantasia Film Festival Days Ahead Of August Release

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



The Suicide Squad will screen at the Fantasia International Film Festival days ahead of its August release.

The screening of James Gunn's latest comic book blockbuster will take place in person on August 9 at Montreal's historic Imperial Theatre. Tickets will be made available to the public. The special event is expected to be part of an celebration of the international genre festival's 21st anniversary.

Written: Eric. Picture: action-adventure pic, written and directed by James Gunn. www.suicide-squad.com

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'King Knight' Trailer: Coven Comedy With Matthew Gray Gubler And Angela Sarafyan Headed To Fantasia Fest

By Nicholas Di...
Aug 16, 2021 1:04pm



EXCLUSIVE: Watch the first trailer for 'King Knight', a coven comedy that will be the opening night film of the Montreal-based genre fest's 21st edition, which runs August 9-15 as a hybrid online/physical event.

The project is produced by Indiecan International Theatre Film Festival, which is the White House and the White House, before screening in events including Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Vancouver, winning the audience award at the latter. It will have its North American premiere at Montreal's Fantasia.

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Takashi Miike's 'The Great Yokai War – Guardians' to Close Fantasia Film Fest

The Canadian genre festival has also booked Lee Won-tae's 'The Devil's Deal,' Paul Andrew Williams' 'Bull' and Vincent Grashaw's 'What Josiah Saw.'

BY ETAN VLESSING JULY 21, 2021 7:00AM



Takashi Miike's *The Great Yokai War – Guardians*. COURTESY OF THE GREAT YOKAI WAR FILM FESTIVAL

! Takashi Miike's *The Great Yokai War – Guardians* has been tapped to close the Fantasia International Film Festival on Aug. 25.

The sequel to *The Great Yokai War*, which opened Fantasia in 2006, immerses viewers in the fairy-tale world of friendly Japanese demons from the *Audition* and *13 Assassins* director.

Montreal's Fantasia genre fest released its third wave of titles on Wednesday, and there's world premieres for Vincent Grashaw's southern gothic nightmare *What Josiah Saw*; Lee Won-tae's thriller *The Devil's Deal*, starring Cho Jin-woong; *Bull*, the British revenge thriller from Paul Andrew Williams; and the dystopian feature debut *Glasshouse* from South African filmmaker Kelsey Egan.

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Korean Crime Drama 'Voice of Silence' Takes Top Jury Prize at Fantasia Film Fest

Korean director Hong Eui-jeong's debut feature also earned Yoo Ah-in the best actor trophy.

BY ETAN VLESSING AUGUST 26, 2021 12:40PM



Voice of Silence. COURTESY OF FANTASIA FILM FESTIVAL

! Korean director Hong Eui-jeong's indie crime drama *Voice of Silence* has picked up the Cheval Noir best film prize at the *Fantasia Film Festival*, which wrapped on Wednesday.

Hong's debut feature also earned Yoo Ah-in the best actor trophy. *Voice of Silence* shared top honors in the juried competition in Montreal with Igor Legarreta, who won for best director for his work on the vampire pic *All the Moons*.

Legarreta also earned the audience award for best international feature for his France-Spain co-production. And Mark O'Brien won for best screenplay for *The Righteous*, the psychological thriller that he also directed.

Forbes

Six Can't Miss Titles From Fantasia Fest's First Wave


Jeff Bering

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The Fantasia International Film Festival, the iconic Canadian genre film festival, has announced its first wave of programming for the upcoming 25th edition. Once again the festival will be a virtual event, and will run from August 5-25th of this year. As always, it will include scheduled screenings and premieres, panels, and workshops, with films once again hosted on the leading-edge platforms created by Fantasia Scope and Shiftify. As the summer approaches, Fantasia organizers will be following advice from local health authorities in Montreal with respect to the possibility of adding a limited range of physical events as well.

In celebration of the key role that Japan's culture has played across Fantasia's history, the festival's 25th edition will be featuring an enhanced focus on Japanese cinema. There are a number of exceptional titles already announced, but here are six of the titles in the first wave that you can't miss.


The Last Thing Mary Saw (dir. Eduardo Viazuelo) World Premiere



Five Can't Miss Titles From Fantasia Fest's Second Wave (Plus A Surprise Screening)

Jeff Bering

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Five Can't Miss Titles From Fantasia Fest's Third Wave

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The Fantasia International Film Festival has announced the third and final wave of its programming for the upcoming 25th edition. The festival will again be a virtual event, and will run from August 5-25th of this year. As always, it will include scheduled screenings and premieres, panels, and workshops, with films once again hosted on the leading-edge platforms created by Fantasia Scope and Shiftify. As the summer approaches, Fantasia organizers will be following advice from local health authorities in Montreal with respect to the possibility of adding a limited range of physical events as well.

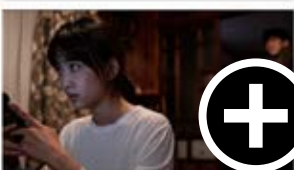
In celebration of the key role that Japan's culture has played across Fantasia's history, the festival's 25th edition will be featuring an enhanced focus on Japanese cinema. While the international festival always boasts huge, excellent titles, this year's selections have three of the most anticipated genre films this year. Here are five titles you can't miss in Fantasia's final wave!

(Check out my can't miss picks from the first and second waves here.)

Fantasia International Film Festival To Screen South Korean Films

Joan MacLeod

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Two new South Korean films will be featured at the 25th edition of the Fantasia International Film Festival. The festival, which runs from Aug. 5 through 25, will feature globally accessible streamed events, as well as a limited number of in-person screenings in Montreal.

The two featured South Korean films are *Midnight and The Devil's Deal*. *Midnight* is making its Canadian premiere at the festival and *The Devil's Deal* will have its international premiere.

Kwon Oh-seung wrote and directed *Midnight*, a tense thriller starring An Ki-jun, Wi Ha-jun and Kim Hye-jun. An Ki-jun plays Kyung-wo, a deaf woman, who works as a sign language interpreter at the sign language call center. One night she witnesses a stabbing and becomes a new target for the

Gong Yoo And Park Bo-Gum Learn What It Means To Be Human In 'Seo Bok'

Joan MacLeod

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How do you measure the value of a life? That question has been asked since the dawn of time and the Greek philosopher Aristotle answered it by saying, "We live in death, not pain, in thought, not beauty, in feeling, not figures on a dial." But Aristotle could not have known someone might one day create a clone like Seo Bok, the subject of the film *Seo Bok*, currently playing at the Fantasia International Film Festival.

While Seo Bok is not technically immortal, he is immune to human disease and aging. Scientists want to use him to grant some humans a degree of immortality, but in the process treat Seo Bok as a mass specimen and less than human. As a specimen he is very valuable, which is why sacrificing humans want to steal him, no matter how many human lives it costs.

Fantasia 2021: Director Richard Bates Jr. Talks King Knight Inspiration, That Dance

Jeff Bering

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OK, the double-high school reunion, reminding each of us of a time in our lives that some wish and many would prefer to forget. It's a ripe element for comedy. Seeing Steve the Great Peter Dink, Jack and Mr. Make a Porno, and unsurprisingly Jerry and Wilhelms' High School Reunion full of conflict, tension, regret, and passion. King Knight charmingly flips the standard premise on its head, what if someone had to attend their high school reunion and face the fact that they were once popular?

In writer/director Richard Bates Jr.'s *King Knight*, Steve (Matthew Gray Gubler) leads a modern California scene alongside his wife (Willa Logan Berry), and finds his life spiraling when he receives repeated correspondence about his high school reunion, to which he must return and of which he must dance. It's a situation that surely has followed every in a former and made. There is no such a thing as a free lunch!

Fantasia 2021: Chatting The Night House With David Bruckner And Rebecca Hall

Jeff Bering

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The Night House is one of the most haunting horror films in recent memory, with strong suspense, an emotionally complex journey for central protagonist Beth, smart cinematography, and production design. It's a haunting and truly scary film with a stunning central performance. I sat down with director David Bruckner and the Rebecca Hall to chat the film, its influences, the complexities of performing such an isolated character, and more. (Interview conducted separately.)


JE: How did you become involved with the project?

DB: Ben Collins and Luke Paterson, two writers who [are] pals of mine, we had been looking for something to do together for a while. They wrote the script very fast in 2016, and I didn't get my hands on it for a while—it was it was set up with somebody else, and then in 2017 it freed up again, I had just

The Moral Core Of Hong Eui-jeong's Award-Winning Film 'Voice Of Silence'

Joan MacLeod

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After working in Korea as a producer and assistant director for commercials and music videos, writer-director Hong Eui-jeong decided to attend film school in London. Her favorite part of attending London Film School was meeting colleagues from multiple countries and seeing how differently a person's background might lead them to interpret a film.

"Every watching one period movie together led to tons of perspectives of interpreting the movie's setting," said Hong. "Twenty country's history is unique, along with its interpretation, and my colleagues, each viewed differently with their own values and morals, never interpreted a movie in the same way. To put it simply, the most intriguing and valuable learning experience was meeting from my limited clues, reading from my set of values shaped by my long life in Korea, and being able to look at a situation

'The Suicide Squad' Is Premiering at Montreal's Fantasia Film Festival



By [Bruck Thiesen](#)
Published Jun 23, 2021

As we edge towards the release of *The Suicide Squad*, it's now been announced that [James Gunn's](#) latest blockbuster will make its world premiere at Montreal's [Fantasia International Film Festival](#).

On August 4, the movie will screen at Montreal's Imperial Theatre. It will be an in-person screening and open to the public. The special event also comes as the festival celebrates its 25th anniversary.

As previously reported, Gunn's upcoming film acts as a "soft reboot" of the 2016 film and will feature a truly massive cast. This includes [Mrie Elba](#) (*Bloodsport*), [Margot Robbie](#) (*Harley Quinn*), [Viola Davis](#) (*Amanda Waller*), [Sylvester Stallone](#) (*King Shark*), [Jai Courtney](#) (*Captain Boomerang*), [Joel Kinnaman](#) (*Kick Flagg*), [Pete Davidson](#) (*Blackguard*), [John Cena](#) (*Peacekeeper*), [Peter Capaldi](#) (*The Thinker*), [Sean Gunn](#) (*Wissel*), [Michael Rooker](#) (*Savant*), [Daniela Melichor](#) (*Katcatrher 2*), [David Dastmalchian](#) (*Folka Dot Man*), [Mayling Ng](#) (*Mongai*) and [Flola Berg](#) (*Jewelle*).

Fantasia Announces First Wave of 2021 Programming

King Knight, *The Last Thing Mary Saw* and *The Righteous* are among the many films coming to the Montreal fest



By [Megan LaPierre](#)
Published May 19, 2021

The 25th edition of Montreal's [Fantasia International Film Festival](#) will take place virtually this summer, and today we've got the first wave lineup announcement.

Running from August 5 to 25, the fest will include the world premiere of Fantasia-favourite [Richard Bates Jr.](#)'s gonzo spiritual quest *King Knight*, [Edouardo Vitoletti's](#) debut period occult drama *The Last Thing Mary Saw* and actor-turned-director [Mark O'Brien's](#) new Canadian horror classic *The Righteous*.

Additionally, there's the [Adams Family's](#) *Milfbender*, a coming-of-age like you've never seen before; the North American premiere of experimentalist [Seth A. Smith's](#) *Tin Can*; [Agnes](#), the prolific [Mickey Reece's](#) exploration of memory; [Shuzji Iwai's](#) lockdown-set *The 12 Day Tale of the Monster That Died in K*; [Jaume Mar's](#) children's comic adaptation *Little*

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10 films to stream at the 2021 Fantasia Film Festival

There's something for everyone and most of it's available to stream across all of Canada

BY NORMAN WILKINSON Aug 5, 2021



FANTASIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL through August 25 at [fantasiafestival.com](#)

TIFF may have [announced its Midnight Madness lineup](#) yesterday, but what are we supposed to do for our genre fix in the weeks between now and September 9?

Well, thankfully Montreal's Fantasia festival is doing another hybrid year, making most of its programming available to stream across Canada and letting Toronto festivalgoers in on the bounty of weird, wild stuff available from all corners of the globe. And yes, I know globes don't have corners. But this is a festival where the laws of physics are really just suggestions. You'll see.

Anyway, going on the concept of "something for all tastes," we thought we'd make this year's lineup a little easier to navigate for you.

What to watch this weekend: August 6-8

Everything new to VOD, streaming and cinemas, including *Annette* and *The Suicide Squad*

BY NORMAN WILKINSON Aug 5, 2021



Our picks for the best new movies coming out this week. Plus Everything new to VOD and streaming platforms for the weekend of August 6.

Annette

(Leos Carax)

Annette starts off with a glorious declaration of purpose, as stars [Adam Driver](#) and [Marion Cotillard](#), screenwriters [Ron and Russell Mael](#), director/co-writer [Carax](#) and his daughter [Naastya](#) and a dozen backing vocalists burst out of a recording studio into downtown Los Angeles, singing the film's overture directly to the camera. And it ends with a heartbreaking duet between a father and a daughter who will never see each other again. If two sequences are all it takes to make a great movie, those are *Annette's*. It's the two hours and change in the middle that's the problem, a sun-drenched musical about comedian [Henry \(Driver\)](#) and scorned [Anne \(Cotillard\)](#) who fall madly

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First Titles Announces for the 2021 Fantasia Film Festival

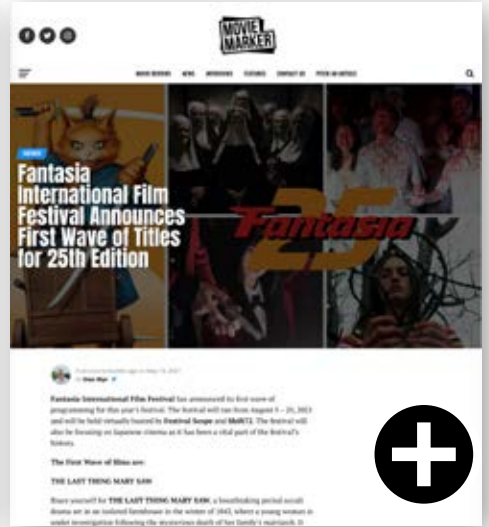
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Fantasia International Film Festival Announces First Wave of Titles for 25th Edition

Fantasia International Film Festival has announced its first wave of programming for this year's festival. The festival will run from August 6 - 20, 2021 and will be held virtually hosted in Montreal, Quebec and MABET. The festival will also be featuring on Japanese cinema as it has been a vital part of the festival's history.

The First Wave of Titles are:

THE LAST THING MARY SAW

Stay excited for THE LAST THING MARY SAW, a heart-breaking period serial drama set in an isolated farmhouse in the winter of 1963, where a young woman is under investigation following the mysterious death of her brother's neighbor.

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James Gunn's *The Suicide Squad* to Open 2021 Fantasia Film Festival

By Emma Ogden | June 13, 2021 | 13:48pm

James Gunn's *The Suicide Squad* is the latest film confirmed for this year's Fantasia International Film Festival, a notable inclusion to celebrate the 25th edition of the event. The news comes from the festival's official website, revealing a few lucky fans will be able to catch Gunn's latest film before everyone else.

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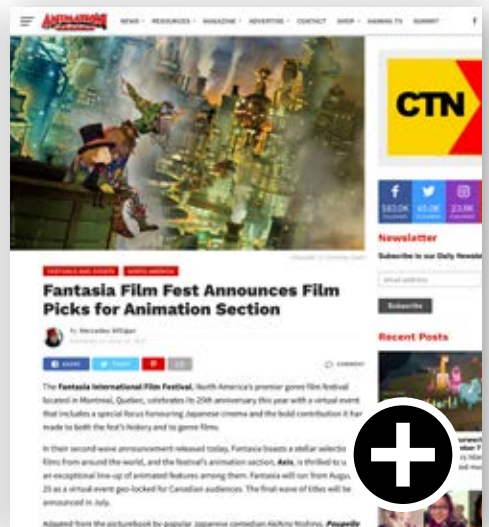
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'The Suicide Squad' to Screen as Part of Fantasia International Film Festival's 25th Anniversary Lineup

The squad is headed to Montreal.

James Gunn's *The Suicide Squad* is the latest film confirmed for this year's Fantasia International Film Festival, a notable inclusion to celebrate the 25th edition of the event. The news comes from the festival's official website, revealing a few lucky fans will be able to catch Gunn's latest film before everyone else.

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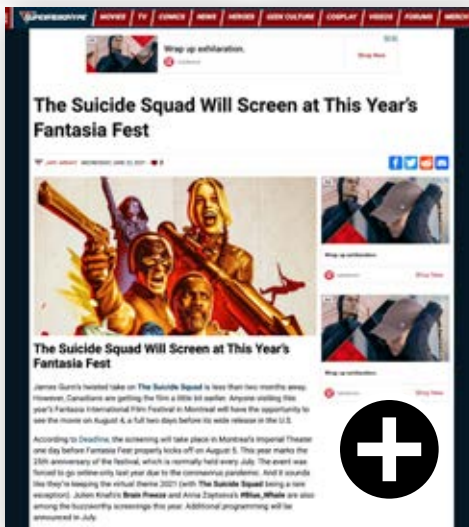
Fantasia Film Fest Announces Film Picks for Animation Section

The Fantasia International Film Festival, North America's premier genre film festival located in Montreal, Quebec, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year with a virtual event that includes a special focus honoring Japanese cinema and the local contribution it has made to both the fest's history and to genre films.

In their second wave announcement released today, Fantasia boasts a stellar selection of films from around the world, and the festival's animation section. *Akta*, is thrilled to be an exceptional line-up of animated features among them. Fantasia will run from August 23 as a virtual event geo-locked for Canadian audiences. The first wave of titles will be announced in July.

Adapted from the picturebook by popular Japanese comedian Keiichi Hara, *Poupelle*

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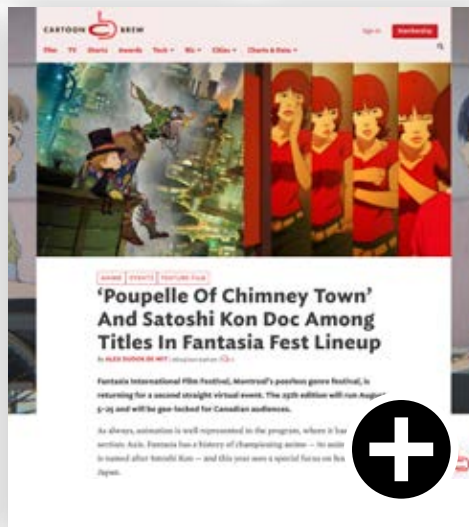
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James Gunn's twisted take on *The Suicide Squad* is less than two months away. However, Canadians are getting the film a little bit earlier. Anyone visiting this year's Fantasia International Film Festival in Montreal will have the opportunity to see the movie on August 6, a full two days before its wide release in the U.S.

According to *Deadline*, the screening will take place in Montreal's Imperial Theater one day before Fantasia Four properly kicks off on August 5. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival, which is normally held every July. The event was forced to go online only last year due to the coronavirus pandemic. And it sounds like there's keeping the virtual theme 2021 (with *The Suicide Squad* being a rare exception). John Krasinski's *Brain Freeze* and Anna Zappone's *Phoebe, Where are you?* are also among the upcoming screenings this year. Additional programming will be announced in July.

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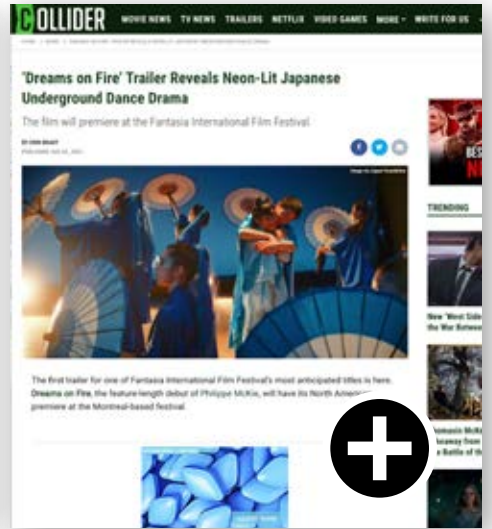
'Poupelle Of Chimney Town' And Satoshi Kon Doc Among Titles In Fantasia Fest Lineup

Fantasia International Film Festival, Montreal's post-genre festival, is returning for a second straight virtual event. The 25th edition will run August 6-20 and will be geo-locked for Canadian audiences.

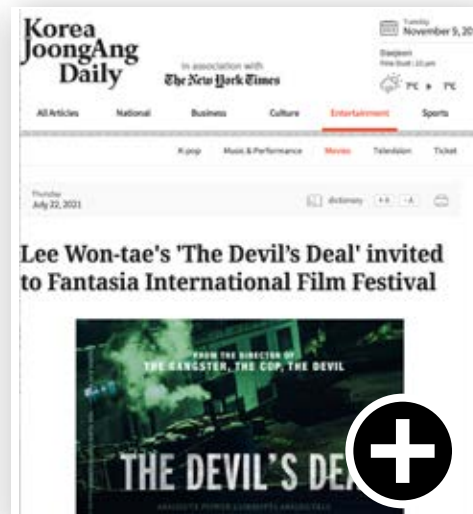
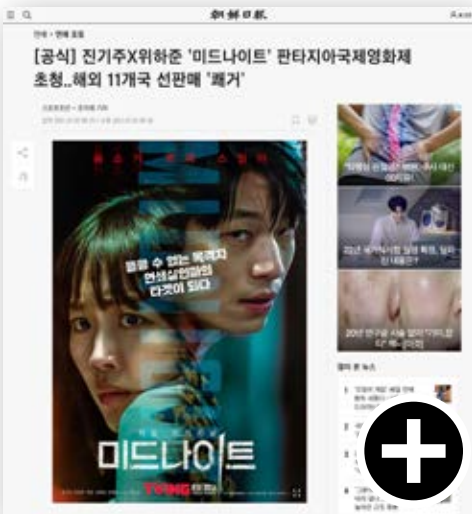
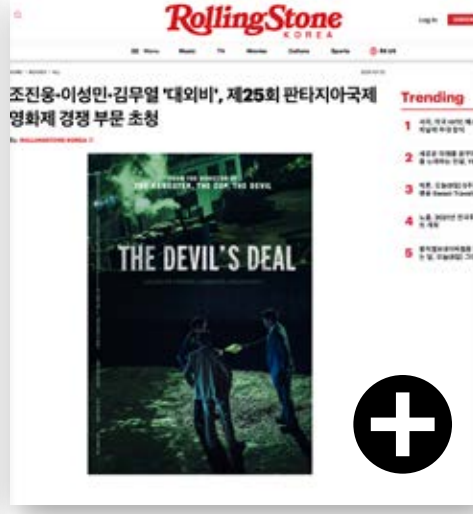
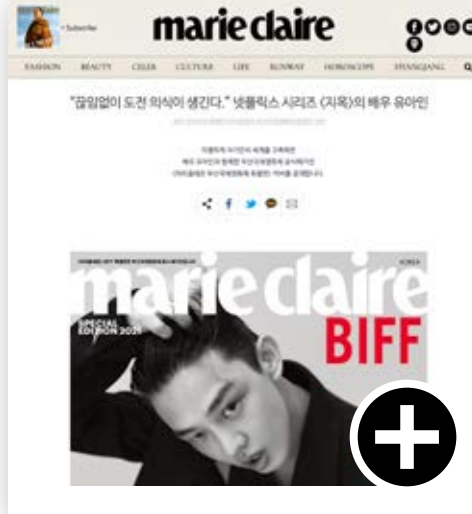
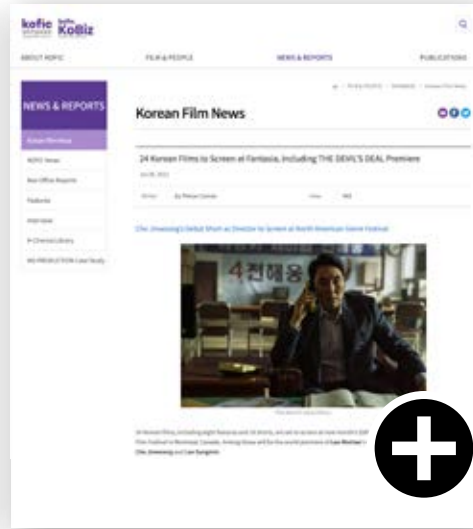
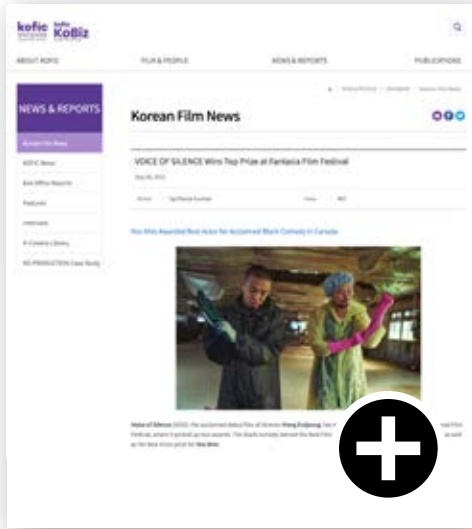
As always, animation is well represented in the program, where it has a special focus. Fantasia has a history of championing anime - it was the festival's first anime doc, *Satoshi Kon: A Life in Animation*, and this year sees a special focus on the topic.

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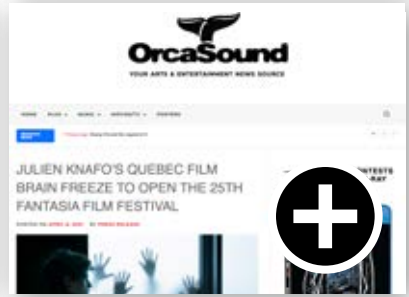
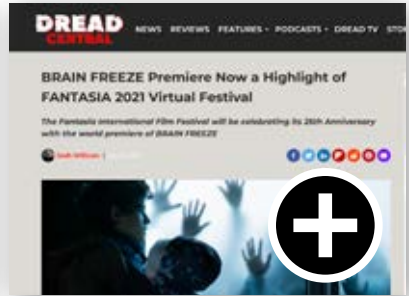
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VARIETY
Homegrown Initiatives Push Genre Fare Into the Spotlight
By Ben Davis
The year's Cannes Film Festival genre fare will mark its centennial this week, and major producers are looking to "diversify" their portfolios in competition with distributors around the world. International attention, while the Festival du Film and Festival de Cannes remain the most prestigious platforms.

Running July 10-15, the past program will spotlight 13 selected projects for general audiences, feature films and short screenings. The path that led to such auspicious results is one paved by growing self-distribution within the genre themselves, as festival organizers have noticed more sales and production as they've looked to consider the playing field.

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VARIETY
Neuchâtel Fantastic Film Festival Brings Genre Out of the Shadows
By Ben Davis
Running July 5-10, the Neuchâtel International Fantastic Film Festival (NIFFF) will mark its 20th anniversary this year with a nod to the past, an organizers look to commemorate the festival's history of genre cinema by putting in one of its most iconic leading film events. Putting the festival's current focus on the genre growth of genre film, which is more and more the way forward has helped other from the popularity of the conventional film festival to the scene.

"I like to think that the evolution of the genre market and the growth of the market is in response to our audience," Neuchâtel festival director Laurent Lathuilière told Variety. "It's a disaster, in one side, the festival built its identity on offering the widest possible vision of feature film, while at the same time the genre itself was downplaying... showing it more of

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VARIETY
Cat Serial Killer and Deportation Horror Projects Among Highlights at Frontières 2021 Genre Market (EXCLUSIVE)
By Ben Davis
With the horrific specter of COVID still looming over the world, the likes of the Frontières Co-production market were a little uncertain that their genre submissions would be heavily viewed.

However, they weren't slow to warm. The lineup for the 2021 market, organized by the Producers International Film Festival in collaboration with Festival du Film - Festival de Cannes, features a solid mixture of projects, including one about a teenage serial killer, an another about deportation and a deadly virus which kills white people, and yet another which puts a haunting eye on the often forgotten experience of being old.

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VARIETY
Robbie Lemieux's 'Fester' Scares Up New Twist to the Coming-Out Genre
By Ross Welford
As if coming out of the closet were not daunting enough, Christian Moustaki's latest comes up for the first time in his feature film, "Fester".

A participant in the Producers Co-Production Market, run by the Producers International Film Festival alongside Cannes' Marche du Film, "Fester" is his first major coming out film.

"Writing 'Fester' was essentially a way to process why it had been so difficult for me to come out. I also wanted to tell a story about someone who is afraid of coming out for reasons that aren't centered around the reasons I grew up as so often are: coming out doesn't mean you're homophobic, homophobic, religious, or other oppressive external obstacles," said Lemieux.

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DEADLINE
Cannes Marche & Fantasia Select 13 Projects For Genre-Focused Industry Event Frontières
By Jonathan...
The event is tentatively being planned, as per Cannes' submission to the market in its genre industry event in July, but Frontières has indicated participation that it has not yet received from the market during a pandemic and that all offers will be reviewed within 10 days of the market in Cannes, France. The event will be held in...

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MARCHÉ DU FILM FESTIVAL DE CANNES
Marché du film 2021 : 13 projets de genre présentés à Frontières
La programmation Frontières est en ligne sur le Festival de Cannes pour présenter 13 projets de films de genre à l'échelle du 10 et 11 juillet 2021.

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Frontières to run as virtual-only market, moves up dates (exclusive)
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Montreal's WaZabi Films Board Frontières Buzz Title 'Red Wings' (EXCLUSIVE)

By Julia Brownell

WaZabi Films, the Montreal-based sales agent founded by André Poirier and Lucien Pilon, has boarded the horror comedy "Red Wings", one of the most original films in early August's Cannes-la Production Market. Created by executive producer Mikaelin Arsenault, a production writer on Bob Fosse's book "The Book of Eli" and Steve Gassner's book "The Book of Eli", "Red Wings" is a horror comedy that will be shown at the Cannes-la Production Market. The film is a horror comedy that will be shown at the Cannes-la Production Market. The film is a horror comedy that will be shown at the Cannes-la Production Market.

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Frontières: the Marché du Film & Fantasia reveal the 13 projects selected

Frontières Platform, the genre-focused event run by Fantasia and the Marché du Film, returns for another edition this year, with 13 projects set to take part in the showcase, running 18-11 June.

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Mariana Mazza à Fantasia



Le Festival Fantasia accordera une place de choix au cinéma québécois

MAXIME DENVERS

SPECTACLES CINÉMA

Festival Fantasia: rêver en noir et blanc

Mark O'Brien présentera son premier film, *The Righteous*, à Montréal, dimanche soir



Dans *The Righteous*, un couple voit son existence chambouler par l'arrivée d'un mystérieux inconnu.

BRUNO LAPOINTE

WEEKEND

La BDQ fait son cinéma



Fléuron du cinéma à multiples reprises oscarisé, l'Office national du film du Canada lançait ces jours-ci une seconde salve de ses *Chroniques du 7^e arr* dans le cadre du Festival Fantasia, témoignant une fois de plus avec éloquence des affinités que partagent la bande dessinée et le cinéma d'animation.

JEAN-DOMINIQUE LEDUC

SPECTACLES CINÉMA

Les rêves ignés d'un Québécois au Japon

Philippe McKie revient au Québec pour y présenter son premier long métrage



La danseuse Bambi Naka incarne son premier rôle au cinéma dans *Dreams* en fire du cinéaste québécois Philippe McKie.

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SPECTACLES CINÉMA

Tapis rouge: c'est parti pour Fantasia

Le film *Brain Freeze* a donné le coup d'envoi au festival Fantasia jeudi soir, défilant le tapis rouge au Cinéma Impérial de Montréal. Roy Dupuis, Marianne Fortier et Iani Bédard se sont joints au réalisateur Julien Knafo pour y dévoiler cette nouvelle comédie d'horreur en primeur avant sa sortie en salle, prévue pour octobre.

À lire aussi : 10 incontournables à Fantasia



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Festival Fantasia: les zombies lancent le bal

Brain Freeze ouvre le festival jeudi soir



Présenter un film traitant d'un virus contagieux en pleine pandémie ? Pas forcément le meilleur timing, atteste le cinéaste Julien Knafo. Mais il est catégorique : *Brain Freeze* est plus qu'un « simple film de zombies ».

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10 incontournables à Fantasia

Zombies québécois, spectres français, démons japonais et autres créatures fantastiques d'ici et d'ailleurs s'appêtent à prendre d'assaut la métropole avec la 25^e édition du festival Fantasia. Par où commencer ? Voici voir 7 *Le Journal* vous propose ses dix coups de cœur de la programmation.

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«L'escadron suicide: la mission» en avant-première à Fantasia




C'est dans le cadre du festival international de films Fantasia de Montréal que sera projeté, mercredi soir, «l'escadron suicide: la mission» en avant-première au Cinéma Impérial.

HARLENE MONTESVIEU

SPECTACLES CINÉMA

Hitler entre dans le ring

Opération Luchador est présenté au festival Fantasia



Et si Hitler n'était pas réellement mort dans son bunker, en avril 1945 ? Le réalisateur Alain Vézina s'amuse à réécrire un pan de l'histoire avec *Opération Luchador*, un faux documentaire loufoque présenté au festival Fantasia.

« J'ai toujours aimé les films qui s'amusent à mélanger les genres », avance

BRUNO LAPOINTE

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LA PRESSE

Petit festival deviendra grand



PHOTO MARTIN GIGOLAC POUR LA PRESSE
Marc Lamotte, codirecteur du festival Fantasia, et Pierre Corbeil, président et cofondateur

En un quart de siècle, Fantasia est devenu l'un des plus prestigieux festivals de cinéma de genre de la planète. Retour sur un phénomène qui a ouvert de nombreux horizons dans ce domaine.

Publié le 5 août 2021 à 10:00

MARTIN GIGOLAC
COLLABORATION SPÉCIALE

Assister à une projection de Fantasia relève de l'expérience. L'ambiance y est un mélange de malentendus et de fous rires compliqués pendant les publicités, de bêtisiers amusants lors de la projection principale. Jusqu'à des scènes monstres où les artistes sont



Le film québécois *Brain Freeze* ouvrira le festival Fantasia



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION POUR LA PRESSE
Ray Dupuis dans le film *Brain Freeze*

Brain Freeze, un film de zombies apocalyptique québécois signé Julien Knafo, ouvrira le 25^e festival Fantasia, qui aura lieu du 5 au 25 août, ont annoncé jeudi matin les organisateurs.

Publié le 9 août 2021 à 10:00 | Mis à jour à 10:00

ANDRÉ DUCHESNE
LA PRESSE

Mettant en vedette, Ben Disher, Joel McKinnon et Marianne Spagnol, l'élégant *Cherchez* de



Quoi voir à Fantasia



Pour son 25^e anniversaire, Fantasia a concocté une programmation hétéroclite, que l'on pourra découvrir en présentiel ou en ligne à partir du site du festival. Jusqu'au 25 août, place au meilleur du cinéma de genre d'ici et d'ailleurs. Voici nos suggestions.

Publié le 8 août 2021 à 10:00

MARTIN GIGOLAC
COLLABORATION SPÉCIALE

Under the Open Sky

Le Japon est à l'honneur cette année à Fantasia. Entre la mini-rétrospective *Shinjū Jwaï* et la présentation du défilé *Flunky Forest*, il ne faudra pas se profondément humains de la cinéaste Miwa Nishikawa. Comment s'agrippent-ils à la vie après avoir passé trop d'années en prison ? C'est ce que tente de découvrir un ancien yakuza (magical



Fantasia dévoile la sélection de ses Fantastiques Week-ends



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Brain Freeze de Julien Knafo, a été choisi comme film d'ouverture de cette 25^e édition de Fantasia.

Les Fantastiques Week-ends du cinéma québécois, tenus dans le cadre du Festival Fantasia, présenteront cinq longs métrages québécois et plus de 90 courts métrages.

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MARISSA GIGOLAC
LA PRESSE

Les longs métrages seront projetés en première à cette occasion, dès le 5 août. Parmi eux, *Brain*



Un film de Takashi Miike pour la clôture de Fantasia



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The Great Yokai War - Guardians de Takashi Miike

(Montréal) L'équipe de programmation du festival Fantasia à Montréal a annoncé que le film *The Great Yokai War - Guardians* du cinéaste japonais Takashi Miike, clôturera l'événement le 25 août.

Publié le 21 juillet 2021 à 10:00

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Fantasia avait déjà annoncé il y a quelques semaines que le festival s'ouvrirait avec la première



Fantasia présentera deux films québécois restaurés par Éléphant



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION DE FANTASIA
Les affiches des deux films restaurés.

L'organisme Éléphant - Mémoire du cinéma québécois, a récemment complété la restauration des films *Yes Sir!* / *Madame* de Robert Morin et *Enfin...* de Richard Martin qui seront présentés en grande première au festival Fantasia.

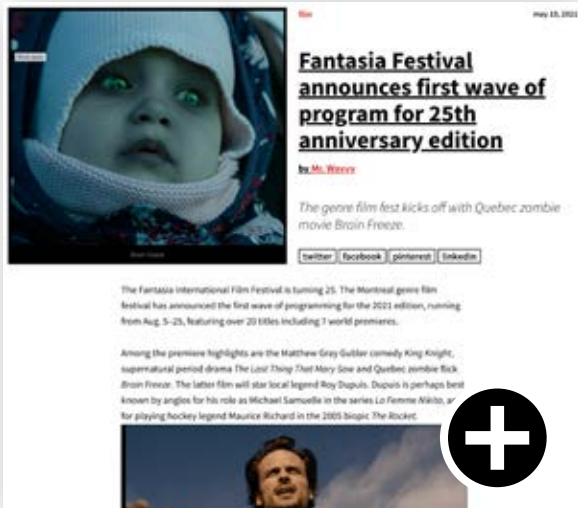
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Fantasia Festival announces first wave of program for 25th anniversary edition
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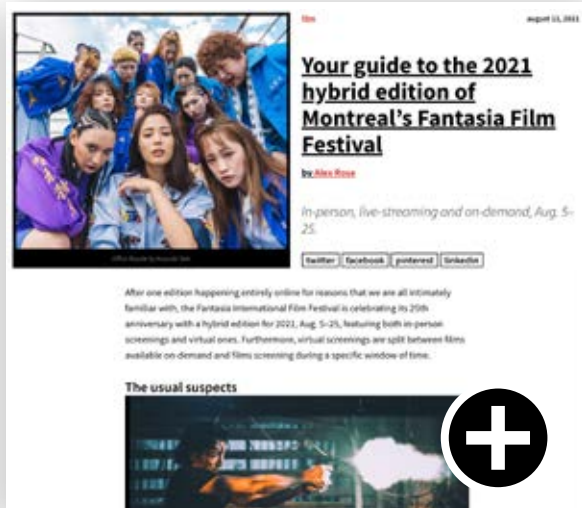
The genre film fest kicks off with Quebec zombie movie *Brain Freeze*.

The Fantasia International Film Festival is turning 25. The Montreal genre film festival has announced the first wave of programming for the 2021 edition, running from Aug. 5-25, featuring over 20 titles including 1 world premiere.

Among the premiere highlights are the Matthew Gray Gubler comedy *King Knight*, supernatural period drama *The Last Thing That Mary Saw* and Quebec zombie flick *Brain Freeze*. The latter film will star local legend Roy Dupuis. Dupuis is perhaps best known by angles for his role as Michael Samuella in the series *La Femme Nikita*, or for playing hockey legend Maurice Richard in the 2005 biopic *The Rocket*.

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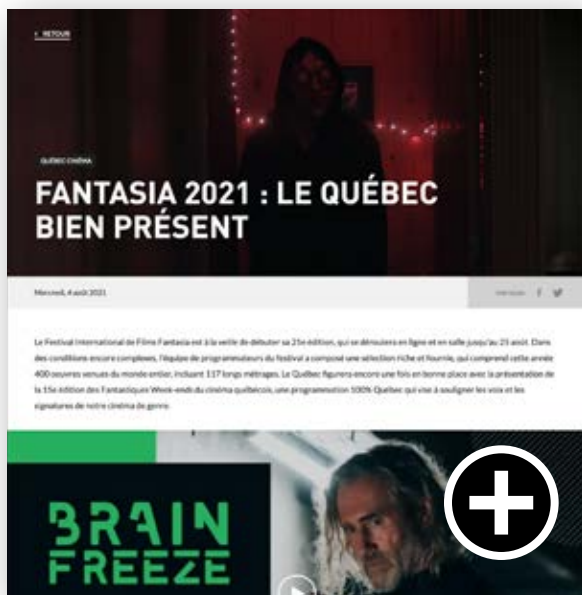
Your guide to the 2021 hybrid edition of Montreal's Fantasia Film Festival
by [Alex Rose](#)

in-person, live-streaming and on-demand, Aug. 5-25.

After one edition happening entirely online for reasons that we are all intimately familiar with, the Fantasia International Film Festival is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a hybrid edition for 2021, Aug. 5-25, featuring both in-person screenings and virtual ones. Furthermore, virtual screenings are split between films available on-demand and films screening during a specific window of time.

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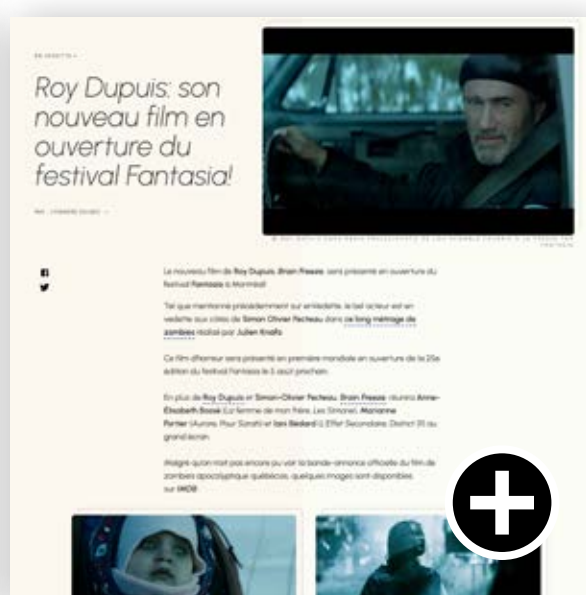


FANTASIA 2021 : LE QUÉBEC BIEN PRÉSENT

Mardi, 4 août 2021

Le Festival International de Films Fantasia est à la veille de débiter sa 25e édition, qui se déroulera en ligne et en salle jusqu'au 25 août. Dans des conditions encore complexes, l'équipe de programmation du festival a composé une sélection riche et variée, qui comprend cette année 400 œuvres venues du monde entier, incluant 117 longs métrages. Le Québec figure encore une fois en bonne place avec la présentation de la 15e édition des *Fantasiques Week-ends*, du cinéma québécois, une programmation 100% Québec qui vise à souligner les voix et les signatures de notre cinéma de genre.

BRAIN FREEZE



Roy Dupuis: son nouveau film en ouverture du festival Fantasia!

Le nouveau film de Roy Dupuis *Brain Freeze* sera présenté en ouverture du Festival Fantasia à Montréal.

Tel que mentionné précédemment sur *envechette*, le réalisateur est un vedette qui vient de *Simon-Chow Fichou* dans ce long métrage de zombies intitulé par Julien Kriha.

Ce film d'horreur sera présenté en première mondiale en ouverture de la 25e édition du Festival Fantasia le 5 août prochain.

En plus de Roy Dupuis et Simon-Chow Fichou, *Brain Freeze* réunit Anne-Élisabeth Brune, Luc Laroche de mon frère, Les Simons, Manonne Parise (Aurore Pour Simons) et Jean-Benoît L'Éclair (Sébastien Dumas) et son grand écran.

Malgré qu'on voit pas encore pu voir la bande-annonce officielle du film de zombies épique québécois, quelques images sont disponibles sur IMDb.