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CINÉFEST SUDBURY ANNOUNCES EARLY SELECTIONS FOR THE 2019 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM

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SUDBURY – Cinéfest Sudbury is thrilled to announce early selections for the Special Presentations programme in the 31st edition of the festival. The Special Presentations program offers a diverse mix of high caliber comedies and dramas, and features some of the finest filmmakers from Canada and around the world.

Astronaut [Shelagh McLeod, Canada, 2019, Quiver Distribution]

Starring: Richard Dreyfuss, Lyriq Bent, Krista Bridges, Graham Greene, Richie Lawrence, Colm Feore

Angus (Dreyfuss), a lonely widower, has his long-extinguished dream to become an astronaut reignited when a national competition is announced. The prize? One ticket for a trip to space! Way over the age-limit, Angus alters his birthdate so he can enter the competition. Against all odds, but with help coming from his dysfunctional family, he must battle against preconceptions, ill health and time, to win the ticket and take the trip of his dreams.

The Artist's Wife [Tom Dolby, USA, 2019, MK2 Mile End]

Starring: Lena Olin, Bruce Dern, Juliet Rylance, Avan Jogia

Claire (Olin), the wife of famed artist Richard Smythson (Dern) is a promising painter who now lives in the shadow of her husband's career. While preparing work for a new exhibition, Richard is diagnosed with Alzheimer's dementia and is at risk of not completing the paintings for his final show. As Richard's memories become erratic, Claire attempts to shield his illness from the art community while trying to reconnect him with his estranged daughter and grandson. Taking up painting again herself, Claire must decide whether to stand with her husband in the shadows or step into the spotlight herself.

The Lodge [Severin Fiala, Veronika Franz, UK / USA, 2019, VVS Films]

Starring: Riley Keough, Richard Armitage, Jaeden Martell, Alicia Silverstone, Lia McHugh

A bone-chilling nightmare from the directors of *Goodnight Mommy*, *The Lodge* follows a family who retreat to their remote winter cabin over the holidays. When the father (Armitage) is forced to abruptly depart for work, he leaves his children, Aidan (Martell) and Mia (McHugh) in the care of his new girlfriend, Grace (Keough). Isolated and alone, a blizzard traps them inside the lodge as terrifying events summon specters from Grace's dark past.

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Parasite [Joon-ho Bong, South Korea, 2019, MK2 Mile End]

Starring: Kang-ho Song, Lee Sun-kyun, Cho Yeo-jeong, Choi Woo-shik, Park So-dam

Ki-taek's (Song) family of four is close, but fully unemployed, with a bleak future ahead of them. The son Ki-woo (Choi) is recommended by his friend, a student at a prestigious university, for a well-paid tutoring job, spawning hopes of a regular income. Carrying the expectations of all his family, Ki-woo heads to the Park family home for an interview. Arriving at the house of Mr. Park (Lee), the owner of a global IT firm, Ki-woo meets Yeon-kyo (Cho), the beautiful young lady of the house. But following this first meeting between the two families, an unstoppable string of mishaps lies in wait.

Prey [Matt Gallagher, Canada, 2019, Border City Pictures]

Widespread sexual abuse within the Catholic Church has traumatized thousands. Many have only recently come forward to speak publicly, while others have been silenced through settlements. One of the perpetrators, Father Hod Marshall, pled guilty to 17 assault charges; a colleague, Father David Katulski, called him a "very good pedophile." One of his victims, seeking closure for this traumatic part of his childhood, filed suit against the Basilian Fathers of Toronto for its role in enabling Marshall's depravity. As the case moves through the courts—led by "the priest hunter," lawyer Rob Talach—the silence the Catholic Church fought so vigorously to maintain is broken. Director Matt Gallagher opens a channel for those brave survivors who are willing to provide testimony, culminating in a powerful damnation of an institution that must be exposed and held to account.

All Special Presentation screenings will take place at SilverCity Sudbury, located at 355 Barrydowne Road.

The 31st edition of Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival runs from September 14th – 22nd, 2019.

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