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## Canadian talent en route to the 69th Festival de Cannes

### Spotlight on the selection

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- Juste la fin du monde "" Official Competition

This Canada-France coproduction was written and directed by Xavier Dolan and produced via Sons of Manual (Canada) and MK2 (France) by Nancy Grant, Xavier Dolan, Sylvain Corbeil, Nathanaël Karmitz, Elisha Karmitz and Michel Merkt. It stars Vincent Cassel, Marion Cotillard, Léa Seydoux, Nathalie Baye and Gaspard Ulliel. The 27-year-old writer, director and actor returns to Cannes for a sixth year with his latest feature film. In 2015, he was selected to serve on the jury for the main competition section at Cannes, while in 2014 his film Mommy shared the Jury Prize with Jean-Luc Godard's Adieu au langage.

- Two Lovers and a Bear "" Directors' Fortnight

This film was written and directed by Kim Nguyen and produced by Roger Frappier (Max Films) in collaboration with Ellen Hamilton (Hamilton-Coleman) and Jonathan Bronfman (JoBro Productions). It stars Tatiana Maslany and Dane DeHaan. Filmmaker Kim Nguyen makes his debut at Cannes with his fifth fiction feature, which will have its world premiere screening at the Directors' Fortnight. Nguyen shook the film world with his award-winning feature *Rebelle* (War Witch), which screened in official competition at the 2013 Berlin Film Festival and won 10 Canadian Screen Awards. It was also nominated for an Oscar in the Best Foreign-language Film category.

-Mean Dreams "" Directors' Fortnight

This film was written by Kevin Coughlin and Ryan Grassby, directed by Nathan Morlando and produced by William Woods (Woods Entertainment) and Allison Black (Euclid 431 Pictures), in collaboration with Patrice Theroux, Jonathan Bronfman, André Bharti, Mark Gingras, Rob McGillivray, Ben Stranahan and Tom Spriggs. It stars Sophie Nélisse, Josh Wiggins, Colm Feore and Bill Paxton. Writer-director Nathan Morlando will be on hand for the world premiere screening of his second feature film, Mean Dreams, at the Directors' Fortnight. This will mark his first visit to Cannes.

- Oh What a Wonderful Feeling "" Critics' Week

This short film was written and directed by François Jaros and produced by Fanny-Laure Malo (La Boîte À Fanny). It stars Karelle Tremblay, Frédérique Bédard, Catherine Hughes, Tania Kontoyanni, Ellen David and Patrice Beaubesne. François Jaros delighted audiences with the caustic humour of his short *Toutes des connes* (Life's a Bitch), selected for the Sundance Film Festival, and then turned to a darker and more troubling theme, dying with dignity, in the short *Maurice*, winner of the award for best short or medium-length fiction film at the 2016 Gala du cinéma québécois.

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