

# COLETTE TO OPEN MILTON FILM FESTIVAL IN LATE JANUARY

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The Milton Film Festival has announced the eight feature films that will be screened at the sixth annual event, Jan. 25 to 27, at the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton.

The film lineup was officially unveiled at an invitation-only launch event on Nov. 28, at Miss Bailey Brown Chocolate in downtown Milton. The artisan chocolatier is a new sponsoring partner for the festival this year, and provided sweet treats and refreshments for the crowd of patrons, sponsors, and guests.

Following opening remarks by festival director Jennifer Smith, the eight feature films to be screened were revealed by the festival's new host and MC, Indira Naidoo-Harris. Colette was the opening night gala feature.

This British historical drama portrays the early

years of one of the most celebrated French writers of the early 20th century, portrayed by actress Keira Knightley. The film also stars Dominic West as Colette's first husband, for whom she originally played ghostwriter under his pen name "Willy." Her eventual rebellion against him and against the gender norms of the age resonates powerfully today.

Saturday's gala feature is the powerful historical drama *Black '47*. Set during the darkest days of the Irish Famine, the film follows the structure of a classic revenge western as a newly returned Irish soldier named Feeny (James Frecheville) hunts down those responsible for the deaths of his family members, while a disgraced former compatriot (Hugo Weaving) is compelled to hunt him in turn.

With a supporting cast including Stephen Rea, Jim Broadbent, and Fred-



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Milton Film Festival announced its films for sixth annual event in January on Wednesday night. Festival Director Jennifer Smith (middle right) and MC, Indira Naidoo-Harris (middle left) with some of those at the event.

die Fox, *Black '47* is bound to be one of the biggest hits of the festival, noted Smith.

Two major Canadian features were also announced. *Adventures in Public School* is a charming and quirky comedy, starring Judy Greer as a loving but overprotective mother forced to release her home-schooled son (Daniel Doheny, in his fea-

ture film debut) into the unfamiliar but exciting world of public high school.

Hot off its premiere at TIFF, *Anthropocene: The Human Epoch* is the third collaboration by acclaimed Canadian documentarians Jennifer Baichwal, Nicholas de Pencier, and Edward Burtynsky. Part of a trilogy of visually stunning and im-

pactful films, including *Manufactured Landscapes* and *Watermark*, *Anthropocene* presents beautiful but tragic images from across the globe of the enormous effect human beings are having on the planet.

Other feature films announced were:

### The Rider

After suffering a near fatal head injury, a young cowboy undertakes a search for new identity in this powerful and moving film that treads the line between scripted drama and documentary.

### Leave No Trace

A father and daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Oregon when a small mistake derails their lives forever. One of the most talked about films from Sundance this year, by acclaimed director Debra Granik (*Winter's Bone*).

### Tea With the Dames

Four acting legends and old friends — dames

Eileen Atkins, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright and Maggie Smith — discuss their careers and reminisce about their humble beginnings in the theatre in gloriously candid and witty fashion.

### Three Identical Strangers

Three young men who were all adopted meet each other and find out they're triplets who were separated at birth. Then they discover why. This award-winning documentary is already a front-runner for the Oscars.

The festival's selection of short films by local and regional filmmakers, to be screened with the features, will be announced later.

The Milton Film Festival is produced in association with the TIFF Film Circuit Program, with support from the Milton Community Fund.

For more information go to [www.miltonfilmfest.com](http://www.miltonfilmfest.com). Tickets and passes are available through the festival website or at the FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton box office.



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