

#### **FILM PREMIERE**

RIDM Festival, Canada, November 20th 2013 Theatrical release in Quebec: January 16th 2014

#### **TECHNICAL INFORMATIONS**

Feature documentary / Quebec, Canada Color / 80 min. 56 sec. / French Full HD / Stereo and 5.1 / 16:9 Subtitles avalaible: French / English

#### **CREDITS**

Producers: Mélanie Carrier and Olivier Higgins
Directors: Mélanie Carrier and Olivier Higgins
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# QUÉBÉKOISIE

#### **SOON IN EUROPEAN PREMIERE**

Cinéma du Québec à Paris / November 22nd 2014 Cinéma du Québec à Nîmes / November 25th 2014



#### Magnus Isacsson Award / RIDM

Best Feature Documentary / Dreamspeakers
Best of Fest / Wakefield International Film Festival
Nominee Best Feature Documentary / Jutra Awards
Best Humanities-Themed Film / Vues Sur Mer Documentary Film Festival
People's Choice Award / Vues Sur Mer Documentary Film Festival
Best Feature Documentary / Rhode Island International Film Festival

## SYNOPSIS

Mélanie and Olivier decided to cycle the North Shore of Quebec, Canada, to better understand the complex relationships that exist between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. This quest for identity would push them to travel deep inside themselves and to faraway lands. Their encounters both planned and spontaneous, include the surprising tale of an Innu man in search of his ancestors in Normandy, and the heart-wrenching story of the sister of Corporal Marcel Lemay, who was killed during the 1990 Oka crisis.



### What did they say about it

« A powerful film, filled with humanity. » Valérie Cloutier, CBC NEWS

« A beautiful and needed documentary. » André Lavoie, Le Devoir

> « A must-see documentary! » Brendan Kelly, The Gazette

« Québékoisie is a road movie but it's unlike anything I've seen. » Kayla Marie Hillier, CULT MTL

« A relevant documentary with awfully good timing. » Pascal Grenier, The Huffington Post

« Truthful, sensible, everyone should see this documentary » Patricia Tadros, CBC Radio

> « Québékoisie : now an essential ! » Chantale Potvin, Innuvelle

« (...) above all, a passionate desire - nestled into each image to speak about the nature of man, which can be saved and changed. » Céline Gobert, 24Images





**Filmography** 

Mélanie Carrier & Olivier Higgins
2013 Québékoisie, 81 minutes, feature
documentary, full HD
2011 Ice Philosophy, 4 minutes, short fiction,
full HD
2011 Encounters, 52 minutes, medium length
documentary, full HD
2007 Asiemut, 56 minutes, medium length
documentary, SD

## DIRECTORS' BIO OLIVIER HIGGINS & MÉLANIE CARRIER

Born in Quebec City, biologists Olivier Higgins and Mélanie Carrier started making films as a way of chronicling their adventures around the world. Their first film, Asiemut, tells the story of their 8,000 km bike ride from Mongolia to India. It won 35 awards worldwide, was seen in over 40 countries and was broadcast on several TV networks including Arte, RTBF, TSR and Al Jazeera. In 2010, the filmmakers founded MÖ films, a production company dedicated to documentaries. Their second film, Encounters was singled out by the National Geographic Society and won several international awards, and their satirical environmental short film, L'Homme de glace, was screened at a number of festivals. Their latest documentary, Québékoisie, nominated at the 2014 Jutra awards, examines the complex relationships be tween Quebecers and First Nations peoples.

### **OTHER AWARDS**

In 2012 for the film Encounters:
Golden Palm Award, Mexico International Film Festival
Best Native American Film, Indie Spirit Film Festival, USA
Best Humanities Theme Documentary, Cinema on the bayou, USA

In 2007 -2008 for the film Asiemut, **35 awards won**, such as: Grand Prize "Oscar of aventure film festivals", Cervino Mountain Film Festival, Italia Grand Prize, Tegernsee International Mountain Film Festival, Germany Grand Prize, Graz International Mountain Film Festival, Austria Grand Prize. Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival, Canada People's Choice award, Banff Mountain Film Festival, Canada Special Jury award, Banff Mountain Film Festival, Canada



