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**After receiving top honors at this year's Jutra Awards
CONTINENTAL, A FILM WITHOUT GUNS
back in theatres this Friday**

Montreal, March 11th 2008 – After winning **4 Jutra** awards last Sunday (Best Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Supporting Actor – Réal Bossé), Stéphane Lafleur's directorial debut **Continental, A Film Without Guns** is heading back into theatres this Friday.

Produced by **Luc Déry** and **Kim McCraw** from **micro_scope**, the film will be presented in 8 theatres across the province: Beaubien, Quartier Latin, Megaplex Guzzo Pont-Viau, Cineplex Brossard, Cinéma Beloeil, Cineplex Ste-Foy, Lido in Lévis and La Maison du Cinéma in Sherbrooke.

This re-release will be a double celebration of award-winning cinema since the short film **Sleeping Betty** will be presented before **Continental** at all scheduled showings. Directed by **Claude Cloutier** and produced by the **National Film Board of Canada** (NFB), **Sleeping Betty** was also among the winners of this year's Jutra Awards, receiving the trophy for **Best Animated Film**. This initiative is a way for Christal Film to support Canadian films and to allow audiences to discover these productions as they were meant to be discovered: on 35mm prints, and on the big screen.

After its first theatrical release in Quebec last year, **Continental, A Film Without Guns** has swept away audiences around the world after being selected by some of the industry's most prominent festivals (**Venice, Rotterdam, Thessaloniki**) and winning numerous prizes, among which the **Citytv Award for Best First Canadian Feature** at the *Toronto Film Festival*, the **Bayard d'Or for Best Film** at the *Festival International du Film Francophone de Namur* and the **Borsos Award for Best Canadian Film** at the *Whistler Film Festival*.

Sunday night, **Continental** added to these honors four major awards at *Le Gala des Jutra*, Quebec's film awards ceremony. After garnering eight nominations, the film received the gala's most prestigious prizes – Best Film, Best Direction and Best Screenplay – and Réal Bossé' stunning performance allowed him to be crowned Best Supporting Actor. Earlier this year, **Continental, A Film Without Guns** had garnered five Genie Awards nominations.

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