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The 45th Festival du nouveau cinéma reveals its opening film: TWO LOVERS AND A BEAR by Kim Nguyen

Montreal, Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – The Festival du nouveau cinéma of Montreal is pleased to announce that Kim Nguyen's latest film, **TWO LOVERS AND A BEAR**, will open its 45th edition, to be held from October 5 to 16, 2016. Critically acclaimed when it screened at this year's Directors' Fortnight at Cannes, the first English feature by the director of *Rebelle* is one of the few films shot in the extreme conditions of the Arctic. Canadian actress Tatiana Maslany (*Orphan Black*, *Stronger*) and American actor Dane DeHaan (*The Amazing Spiderman 2*, *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets*) star in this fantasy-tinged love story set in the Far North.

The film opens in a modern-day village of barely 200 in an Arctic region that looks like a moonscape and where the temperature often drops below -50°. Here the roads recede into white infinity. In this otherworldly setting, two tortured souls, Roman and Lucy, fall in love. But Lucy harbours a painful secret: a ghost from the past that threatens to destroy her. She needs to escape it or she will burn up from the inside. Together, the lovers decide to flee their demons and hit the road to find a better place. They head out into a world of endless ice whose sheer strangeness hints that their journey may be an internal one.

Screened in Théâtre Maisonneuve at Place des Arts on October 5 with the cast and director in attendance, **TWO LOVERS AND A BEAR** is produced by Roger Frappier (Max Films), in coproduction with Jonathan Bronfman (JoBro Productions) and Ellen Hamilton (North Creative Films). Distributed in Canada by Les Films Séville, a subsidiary of Entertainment One, it will hit theatres on October 7, 2016.

The 45th edition of the Festival du nouveau cinéma of Montreal runs from October 5 to 16, 2016.

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