

# Canada at AFM

November 2005

**American Film Market**

## Canadian Cinema and its Industry at AFM

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A strong and diverse contingent of the Canadian film industry is on hand at the American Film Market. This catalogue contains profiles and contact information for 9 Canadian sales companies and lists more than 30 attending production companies and their representatives. They bring with them projects of all sorts in varying stages of development.

While our producers and distributors see to business, Canadian productions are screening at both the AFM and the AFI Fest. Discover new talents and the impressive creativity and variety of filmmaking in Canada. Read more about our films inside.

This year's AFI Fest selection of Canadian films offers bold, original stories told by gifted young directors that promise to touch, move and thrill audiences everywhere. The international feature competition includes Sébastien Rose's humorous family drama *Life with my Father*, which charmed packed houses and won the Audience Award at the 40<sup>th</sup> Karlovy Vary International Film Festival. Stylish crowd-pleaser *C.R.A.Z.Y.*, by Jean-Marc Vallée, a huge box-office hit at home and at festivals such as Venice and Toronto, is Canada's official entry in the Best Foreign-Language Film category at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards®.

The Canada Sales Office is a partnership between the Government of Canada, Telefilm Canada, and the provincial film funding agencies of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Québec and Saskatchewan.

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**WE INVITE YOU TO DROP BY THE CANADA SALES OFFICE, SUITES 764/765 (LOEWS HOTEL),  
AND THE CANADIAN FILM COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES INFORMATION STAND ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
TO MEET WITH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.**

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Canada



### Familia

DRAMA, 102 MIN, FRENCH W/ENGLISH  
SUBTITLES

SALES – CHRISTAL FILMS

Michèle's life is turned upside down when her fiancé, unwilling to cover her gambling debts, stops supporting her financially. With her 14-year-old daughter, Marguerite, in tow, Michèle goes to see her childhood friend, Janine, who has a teenage daughter of her own and who agrees to take in mother and daughter in her leafy, seemingly perfect, suburban home. As the two young girls become friends, their mothers suddenly find themselves confronting their own conflicting values.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
1:00 PM

MANN CRITERION SCREEN #6

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
5:00 PM

MANN CRITERION SCREEN #6

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
7:00 PM

FAIRMOUNT SCREEN #5

### Last Call (Maman Last Call)

ROMANTIC COMEDY, 102 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

SALES – CHRISTAL FILMS

Columnist Alice Malenfant is well known for her pro-choice stance. When she unexpectedly gets a visit from the stork, she must face the decision of whether or not to carry her pregnancy to term.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
5:00 PM

NU WILSHIRE SCREEN #2

### Manners of Dying

DRAMA, 104 MIN, ENGLISH

SALES – CHRISTAL FILMS

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
9:00 AM

NU WILSHIRE SCREEN #1

### On the Verge of a Fever (Le Goût des jeunes filles)

DRAMA, 88 MIN, FRENCH W/ENGLISH  
SUBTITLES

SALES – CHRISTAL FILMS

Haiti, 1971. Against the backdrop of poverty, fear and a brutal dictatorship, "On the Verge of a Fever" is about Fanfan through whose eyes the story is told. Having lived a somewhat sheltered life with his protective mother, Fanfan is a 15-year-old boy who just wants to experience life for himself with his streetwise friend Gégé.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
11:00 AM

NU WILSHIRE SCREEN #1

### The United States of Albert (Les États-Unis d'Albert)

COMEDY/ADVENTURE, 88 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

SALES – CHRISTAL FILMS

Set in 1926, this fantasy drama recounts the tale of Albert, an eager young actor headed for Hollywood to take up where the great Valentino left off. The odd assortment of eccentric characters he meets along the way include a serial killer, but also the love of his life.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
1:00 PM

BROADWAY CINEPLEX SCREEN #2

### Saint Martyrs of the Damned (Saints-Martyrs-Des-Damnés)

SUSPENSE, 116 MIN 46 SEC., FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

SALES – MAX FILMS INTERNATIONAL

When a journalist and his photographer embark on a mission to investigate a series of human disappearances taking place in a small town, they encounter the unimaginable.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
3:00 PM

BROADWAY CINEPLEX SCREEN #3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
8:45 AM

BROADWAY CINEPLEX SCREEN #4



INTERNATIONAL FEATURE COMPETITION  
US PREMIERE

**C.R.A.Z.Y.**

DRAMA, 2005, 127 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES, 35MM

Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée.  
Produced by Pierre Even,  
Cirrus Communications Inc.

**Canada's Entry for Best  
Foreign-Language Film for  
the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards®**

Extraordinary lives of ordinary people in search of love and happiness - that's the premise of "C.R.A.Z.Y.", a family drama unlike any other. It's a story of two love affairs. A father's love for his five sons. And one son's love for his father, a love so strong it compels him to live a lie.

A mystical fable about a modern-day Christ-like figure, "C.R.A.Z.Y." exudes the beauty, the poetry and the madness of the human spirit in all its contradictions.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
7:00 PM  
ARCLIGHT 14

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
3:30 PM  
ARCLIGHT 11

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INTERNATIONAL FEATURE COMPETITION  
US PREMIERE

**Life with my Father**

DRAMATIC COMEDY, 2005, 110 MIN,  
FRENCH W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES, 35MM

Directed by Sébastien Rose.  
Produced by Roger Frappier and  
Luc Vandal, Max Films

Two brothers who have nothing in common reunite to save their father from falling apart both physically and financially.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
8:30 PM  
ARCLIGHT 11

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
12:15 PM  
ARCLIGHT 11

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INTERNATIONAL SHORTS COMPETITION  
US PREMIERE

### Rise Up

DRAMA/MUSICAL PERFORMANCE, 2005,  
8 MIN 16, BETA SP

Directed by Jason Gileno.  
Produced by David Bajurny and  
Chris Anderson.

A woman attempts to revive her  
comatose husband by taking him  
back to the cabaret – the place  
where they first met.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
9:30 PM  
MANN-6 PLEX

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
7:00 PM  
MANN-6 PLEX

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INTERNATIONAL SHORTS COMPETITION  
US PREMIERE

### Romancing the Wind

PERFORMANCE, 2005, 5 MIN 36,  
DIGIBETA

Directed and produced by  
Robert Holbrook.

In a seaside park in Vancouver  
Canada, 80-year old World Champion  
multiple kite flyer Ray Bethell flies  
three kites at once - a sky ballet set to  
the music of "Lakme" by Leo Delibes.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
9:30 PM  
MANN-6 PLEX

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
7:00 PM  
MANN-6 PLEX

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## Atopia

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ATOPIA is an independent film studio based in Montréal, Canada. Since its foundation in 2000, Atopia has produced four feature films : *SPIT-Squeegee Punks in Traffic* (2001), *A Silent Love* (2003), *Jimmywork* (2004) and *Imitation* (2005). Atopia is now a fully integrated company, handling projects from development through world sales and theatrical distribution in North America.

# Atopia

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### **Primary Focus of Company**

Distribution  
International Sales  
Production

### **AFM Objectives**

Development  
Financing  
Sales

### **Film Genres**

#### **FEATURE FILMS:**

Comedy  
Documentary  
Drama

## Products at AFM

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### **Imitation**

**DRAMA, 100 MIN, ENGLISH**

Teresa, an alluring Mexican woman, comes to Montreal in search of her husband, who abandoned her in Mexico.

PROJECT STATUS

In post-production

To be released in Canada (2006)

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> Life**

**DRAMA, 80 MIN, ENGLISH**

In this surreal Film Noir, an antique collector and her husband try to scam a priceless set of antiques from an eccentric old collector.

PROJECT STATUS

In post-production

To be released in Canada (2006)

### **Fu Meng (Floating Dreams)**

**DRAMA, 100 MIN, MANDARIN**

Set in China, Canada and New York City, Fu Meng is a drama about a generation's journey from the Red Dream to the American Dream.

PROJECT STATUS

In development

To be released in Canada (2007)

### **Jimmywork**

**DRAMA/COMEDY, 81 MIN, ENGLISH**

A cross between film noir, biopic and cinema vérité.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada (2004)

### **A Silent Love**

**DRAMA, 100 MIN, ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

A love-triangle set in Montreal and Mexico.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada/USA (2004)

### **Spit: Squeegee Punks in Traffic**

**DOCUMENTARY, 80 MIN, ENGLISH**

A film about and by squeegee kids.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada (2001)

## Bogeydom Licensing

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BOGEYDOM LICENSING is an international sales company which deals primarily in specialized market feature films. Current slate includes mostly Asian films which we license internationally. Bogeydom is also involved as the sales agent for a British-based, German financed production company.



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### **Primary Focus of Company**

Distribution  
International Sales

### **AFM Objectives**

Acquisition  
Financing  
Sales

### **Film Genres**

**FEATURE FILMS:**  
Various

## Products at AFM

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### **Azumi (Volume II)**

JAPANESE ACTION CULT FILM, **118 MIN**,  
JAPANESE W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

A continuation of the story of a young girl assassin, whose mission was not finished in Azumi.

#### PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Japan, Korea, UK, Spain,  
others to be confirmed this year.

## Christal Films Distribution

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CHRISTAL FILMS is a well established developer, producer and distributor of feature films for theatrical, video/DVD and television markets, both national and international.

Aside from representing the ever increasing catalogue of Lions Gate Films within French-speaking Canada, Christal Films acquires and distributes close to fifty feature films each year. Within a few years only, Christal Films has made its mark as the first distributor of French and Québécois films. Some of leading French box-office hits include such titles as *The Dinner Game*, *Winged Migration*, *L'Auberge espagnole* and, more recently, *The Emperor's Journey*. Locally, Christal Films is well known for such hits as *Les Boys I, II, III*, *The Last Tunnel*, *Nez Rouge*, *Last Call*, *Life with my Father*, *Familia* and the *Elvis Gratton* trilogy.



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### Primary Focus of Company

International Sales

### AFM Objectives

Acquisition  
Development  
Sales

### Film Genres

#### FEATURE FILMS:

Action/Adventure  
Comedy  
Drama  
Thriller

## Products at AFM

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### Last Call (Maman Last Call)

ROMANTIC COMEDY, 90 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES OR ENGLISH DUB

Producers: Pierre Gendron and  
Christian Larouche

Director: François Bouvier

Writer: Nathalie Petrowski

Columnist Alice Malenfant is well known for her pro-choice stance. When she unexpectedly gets a visit from the stork, she must face the decision of whether or not to carry her pregnancy to term.

#### PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

### Familia

DRAMA, 102 MIN, FRENCH W/ENGLISH  
SUBTITLES

Producer: Luc Déry

Writer/Director: Louise Archambault

Michèle's life is turned upside down when her fiancé, unwilling to cover her gambling debts, stops supporting her financially. With her 14-year-old daughter, Marguerite, in tow, Michèle goes to see her childhood friend, Janine, who has a teenage daughter of her own and who agrees to take in mother and daughter in her leafy, seemingly perfect, suburban home. As the two young girls become friends, their mothers suddenly find themselves confronting their own conflicting values.

#### PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

### On the Verge of a Fever (Le Goût des jeunes filles)

DRAMA, 88 MIN, FRENCH W/ENGLISH  
SUBTITLES

Producers: Andrew Noble and  
Anne-Marie Gélinas

Director: John L'Ecuyer

Writer: Dany Laferrière

Haiti, 1971. Against the backdrop of poverty, fear and a brutal dictatorship, *"On the Verge of a Fever"* is about Fanfan through whose eyes the story is told. Having lived a somewhat sheltered life with his protective mother, Fanfan is a 15-year-old boy who just wants to experience life for himself with his streetwise friend Gégé.

#### PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

### The United States of Albert (Les États-Unis d'Albert)

COMEDY/ADVENTURE, 88 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Producers: Yves Fortin, David Kodsi  
and André Martin

Director: André Forcier

Writers: André Forcier and Linda Pinet

Set in 1926, this fantasy drama recounts the tale of Albert, an eager young actor headed for Hollywood to take up where the great Valentino left off. The odd assortment of eccentric characters he meets along the way include a serial killer, but also the love of his life.

#### PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

### Manners of Dying

DRAMA, 104 MIN, ENGLISH

Producer: Yves Fortin

Director: Jeremy Peter Allen

Writer: Jeremy Peter Allen. Based on the novel *"Manners of Dying"* by Yann Martel

Kevin Barlow will die on schedule and according to regulations. Harry Parlington, director of the Cantos execution facility, intends to make sure of it. However Barlow chooses to go, be it calmly or fighting violently to the end, Parlington feels confident that he and his team can deal with the situation.

#### PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

## FRV Media International

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FRV Media International acquires and distributes the rights to film and audiovisual productions on the Canadian and international markets.

Thanks to specific financing negotiated by parent company FRV Media, FRV Media International now has a budget of \$6 million to build its library and solidly back its growth.

With the acquisition of the library and rights of Distribution La Fête (DLF) in May 2005, FRV Media International lay the groundwork for extensive and solid development. It also inherited the library of sister company Cité-Amérique, accumulated over 15 years of motion picture and television productions.



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### Primary Focus of Company

Distribution  
International Sales

### AFM Objectives

Development

### Film Genres

#### FEATURE FILMS:

Animation  
Children's  
Documentary  
Drama

#### OTHER:

TV/Movie of The Week  
TV Series

## Products at AFM

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### **Machine Gun Molly**

DRAMA, 122 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Set between 1950 and 1970, it reveals an unknown part of Québec history. The eldest girl from a poor family in Montreal's centre south neighbourhood, Monica Sparvieri vowed to find a way to improve her lot in life.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### **L'Audition**

DRAMA, 110 MIN, FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Louis is 40 years old and his job is to threaten people who owe money. He dreams to be an actor and when he finally gets a chance to audition for a movie at the same time as Suzie tells him she is expecting his child; his life is turned upside down.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### **Daniel and the Superdogs**

FAMILY, 102 MIN, ENGLISH AND FRENCH  
ORIGINAL VERSIONS

Danny, an endearing but troubled eleven-year old, puts his young life back on track by learning to train a very special dog for the Superdogs competition.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

## Max Films

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MAX FILMS is a Montréal-based production and international sales company which specialises in developing, producing and licensing rights worldwide of feature films from talented young directors.

Recent critically acclaimed productions include feature films such as Robin Aubert's *Saints-Martyrs-des-Damnés*, Sébastien Rose's *La Vie avec mon père*, Manon Briand's *La Turbulence des fluides* co-produced with Europa Corp., and Denis Villeneuve's *Maelström*. Max Films also recently helped revitalise Canadian cinema by producing and selling worldwide the highest grossing film of 2003 in Québec *La Grande Séduction*, directed by Jean-François Pouliot and written by Ken Scott. Max Films is currently in pre-production on the second feature film by this same successful duo entitled *Guide de la petite vengeance* and Manon Briand's next film entitled *Out of Z*.



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### Primary Focus of Company

International Sales  
Production

### AFM Objectives

Development  
Financing  
Sales

### Film Genres

#### FEATURE FILMS:

Comedy  
Drama  
Suspense

## Products at AFM

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### **Saints-Martyrs-des-Damnés (Saint Martyrs of The Damned)**

SUSPENSE, 116 MIN 46 SEC., FRENCH  
W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Producers: Roger Frappier and  
Luc Vandal

Writer/Director: Robin Aubert

Cast: François Chénier, Isabelle Blais,  
Monique Mercure, Monique Miller,  
Patrice Robitaille Alexis Martin,  
Hubert Loiselle, Pierre Collin

When a journalist and his  
photographer embark on a mission  
to investigate a series of human  
disappearances taking place in  
a small town, they encounter  
the unimaginable.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### **La Vie avec mon père (Life with my Father)**

DRAMATIC COMEDY, 110 MIN  
FRENCH W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Producers: Roger Frappier and  
Luc Vandal

Director: Sébastien Rose

Writers: Sébastien Rose and  
Stéphanie Lasnier

Cast: Raymond Bouchard,  
Paul Ahmarani, David La Haye,  
Hélène Florent

Two brothers who have nothing in  
common reunite to save their father  
from falling apart both physically and  
financially.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### **Une Simple Catastrophe**

ROMANTIC COMEDY

Producers: Roger Frappier and  
Luc Vandal

Writer/Director: Stéphane Laporte

Thomas, a 24 year-old man, falls in  
love with Audrey but Audrey is on a  
mission...

PROJECT STATUS  
In Post-Production

### **Guide de la petite vengeance (Revenge : A User's Guide)**

DARK COMEDY

Producers: Roger Frappier and  
Luc Vandal

Director: Jean-François Pouliot

Writer: Ken Scott

After years of cruel psychological  
harrassement by his boss, an  
accountant in an upscale jewellery  
store will have the surprise of his life  
when he tries to fight back.

PROJECT STATUS  
In Development - from the producers  
of *La Grande Séduction (Seducing  
Doctor Lewis)*

## Minds Eye International

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MINDS EYE INTERNATIONAL attracts new films from independent producers from the international production community. As a key player in the global sales market for film and television, Minds Eye International sells films and other new programs including children's drama series, family TV movies, lifestyle and travel series, and documentaries. Minds Eye Entertainment, Minds Eye International's parent production company, has been a major player in the film and television industry since 1986. Working hand in hand with production, Minds Eye International acts as a creative distribution arm with Minds Eye Entertainment participating in the development of their productions and the projects of their co-production partners.



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Distribution  
International Sales

### **AFM Objectives**

Acquisition  
Development  
Sales

### **Film Genres**

#### **FEATURE FILMS:**

Horror  
Thriller

## Products at AFM

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### **Malevolence**

**HORROR, 90 MIN, ENGLISH**

Thriller set in a small rural town where the disappearance of a boy sets off a hunt for a madman. Winner of the New York Horror Film Festival and Long Island Film Festival.

After a successful American theatrical release, has sold 185,000 units (DVD) in the USA. Has also sold into Spain (150 screens), Australia, Italy, Indonesia, UK and Canada.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Since its inception in 1939, the NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA (NFB) has established a tradition of cinematographic excellence appreciated by Canadians and audiences around the world. Its collection comprises over 10,000 titles. The NFB has won more than 4,500 Canadian and international prizes, including 68 Academy Award nominations, 11 Oscars®, five Palmes d'Or at Cannes and a Golden Bear at Berlin.



**NATIONAL FILM BOARD  
OF CANADA**

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**Primary Focus of Company**

Distribution  
International Sales  
Production

**AFM Objectives**

Acquisition  
Financing  
Sales

**Film Genres**

**FEATURE FILMS:**

Animation  
Children's  
Documentary  
Educational  
Nature

**OTHER:**

Non-Feature Documentary  
Short Films

## Products at AFM

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### Diameter of the Bomb

DOCUMENTARY, 80 MIN, HD, ENGLISH

Since the renewed Intifada began in 2000, there have been over 75 Palestinian suicide bombings. This is the story of one, the bombing of Bus 32 in Jerusalem in June 2002. The film connects the stories of a group of ordinary Israelis-Jews and Arabs. Each of them holds a clue to someone who died that day.

A World Documentary Fund Film. An initiative of the UK Film Council New Cinema Fund, the National Film Board of Canada and the BBC.

Official Selection Toronto International Film Festival 2005 World Premiere

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### Souvenir of Canada

DOCUMENTARY, 60 MIN, ENGLISH

*Souvenir of Canada* is a spectacular documentary special about who we are as Canadians at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. One of our greatest national voices, Douglas Coupland, acts as our tour guide on a humorous journey that "makes us stop, look and marvel at who we are, what we have, and where we might be going." *Souvenir of Canada* tells a story about a nation searching for itself, and all that is unique about itself, in the darnedest of places, objects and ideas.

Official Selection Toronto International Film Festival 2005 World Premiere

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### The Tobacco Conspiracy

DOCUMENTARY, 90 MIN & 52 MIN, ENGLISH

Smoking killed 100 million people in the 20th century and will kill a billion more over this century if nothing is done. Despite the dangers, cigarettes are still considered an ordinary consumer product. What tactics does the tobacco industry use to attract new smokers? How are citizens mobilizing to fight this sinister hegemony? The film exposes the covert strategies of the nicotine cartel, reveals the indecision and contradictions of politicians, and explores the offensives used by a new breed of tobacco opponents.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### The Last Trapper

DOCUMENTARY, 100 MIN, HD, ENGLISH

For 20 years, filmmaker Nicolas Vanier has crossed the wildest parts of the North. He's met hundreds of trappers that use modern transport, sophisticated hunting techniques and technology. But some trappers preserve the old ways. Nicolas Vanier met one of them in the remote Rocky Mountains of the Northwest Territories, not far from the Arctic Circle. Vanier calls him "the Last Trapper". His name is Norman Winter. He is 50 years old and lives with Nebaska, a Nahanni Indian.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### Escape to Canada

DOCUMENTARY, 80 MIN, ENGLISH

Although there's been an explosion of press about Americans looking to move to Canada, Americans have been fleeing the US since the previous election. Canada, normally a quiet, out of the way place, has suddenly become cool. The idea that Canada is the real freedom-loving country in North America has re-ignited and the double combo of gay marriage and relaxed marijuana laws is changing Canada. *Escape to Canada*, the documentary is about North America's new battle for freedom. Canada is increasingly the focal point for personal freedom issues - over the right to gay marriage, the war on drugs, even the freedom for women to go topless. But is Canada really free? *Escape to Canada* is the dramatic chronicle of the new millennium's battle for hope and freedom.

PROJECT STATUS  
Completed

### Plague of Fantasies

DOCUMENTARY, FEATURE LENGTH, ENGLISH

Documents the struggles of countries and people in the developing world dealing with the influx of Western pornography for the first time. Many of them are ill-equipped to deal with it, but in every case a pitched battle is unfolding as they struggle to turn back the tide.

PROJECT STATUS  
In development (Fall 2006)

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International Sales  
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**AFM Objectives**

Acquisition  
Development  
Financing  
Partnership  
Sales

**Film Genres**

**FEATURE FILMS:**

Action/Adventure  
Drama  
Horror  
Thriller

**OTHER:**

Non-Feature Documentary  
TV Series

## Products at AFM

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### Chainsaw Kitty

HORROR/THRILLER, FEATURE, ENGLISH

Kitty's life has hit rock bottom, she's lost her boyfriend, her job and her sense of purpose. Her friends take her on a weekend retreat with plans build her confidence and give her a new start. But when her friends start showing up dead, Kitty must fight back before she ends up like her friends.

PROJECT STATUS

In development

Financing

### White Knuckles

THRILLER, FEATURE, ENGLISH

On the run from the Russian Mob, Richard Conrad is desperate for money. So he turns to his wealthy family; to his terminally ill father; to his alcoholic mother; and to his slow witted brother, who is engaged to a woman far too sexy to be in it for anything but the money. They're going to help Richard get what he needs to survive — whether they like it or not.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

### Extreme Days

TEEN – DRAMA, FEATURE, ENGLISH

As four lifelong friends, Will, Bryan, Matt, and Corey, are on the road trip they've been planning their whole lives, Corey's beloved grandfather unexpectedly dies. When going to claim Corey's inheritance, the gang meets Matt's beautiful cousin Jessie and embark on a hilarious, extreme sports-filled adventure.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in USA

### Silverman

THRILLER, FEATURE, ENGLISH

Cast: Eugene Levy (*American Pie*),

Joe Pantoliano (*The Matrix*).

Silver Man is a musician, lonesome and mysterious, he plays his moving music everyday for audiences on the boardwalk. When he falls for his lovely neighbour Tivoli, Silver Man must fight to defend her from her drug dealing, jealous ex-boyfriend.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

### Killing Moon

THRILLER, FEATURE, ENGLISH

Cast: Daniel Baldwin and

Penelope Ann Miller

A passenger on a plane bound from Hawaii dies violently from an inexplicable infection, but not before infecting everyone on the lane. As the plane hurtles towards Los Angeles, experts from the National Security Agency and the Center for Disease Control race against time to bring the passengers home for they all die. As more passengers die, suspicions mount, both on the plane and on the ground – is the NSA interested in helping these people or are they there to make the plane disappear.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed

Released in Canada

## Waterfront Pictures

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International Sales  
Production

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Acquisition  
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Financing  
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Sales

### **Film Genres**

**FEATURE FILMS:**  
Action/Adventure  
Animation  
Children's  
Drama  
Thriller

### **OTHER:**

TV/Movie of The Week  
TV Series

## Products at AFM

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### A Fairy Tale Christmas

ANIMATED/CHILDREN, 48 MIN, ENGLISH

Director: Tim Tyler  
Producers: David Doerksen,  
Philip Doerksen and Jeff Martel  
Writer: Jeff Martel

One special Christmas, Princess Angela gave her father a Christmas song. That night she's kidnapped and given a potion that made her forget her identity. Years later, Angela learns that she's a Princess and she has to convince the King that she is his daughter. Can she remember the song she gave him years ago? *A Fairy Tale Christmas* is a story of adventure and song for princesses of all ages.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed  
USA & Canada only available

### Caught in the Headlights

ACTION/THRILLER, 91 MIN, ENGLISH

Director: Gavin Wilding  
Producers: Philip Doerksen and  
David Doerksen  
Writers: Glyn Brock and  
Jerold W. Lambert

A Federal agent sent out on a simple mission to retrieve and return a murder witness gets much more than she bargained for when she learns her young companion unwittingly carries a deadly secret that puts both women in a dangerous and frenzied game of cat and mouse.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed  
USA and select territories available

### Dead Even

ACTION/THRILLER, 82 MIN, ENGLISH

Director: Gordon McLennan  
Producers: David Doerksen,  
Antony I Ginnane and Ann Lyons  
Writer: Vincent Monton

Macy gave up everything she had for her gangster boyfriend Frank. She left her husband, daughter and secure life for an exciting life of crime with Frank. But after Frank set her up for the fall and left her for dead, she ended up spending a year in jail for his crime. Now she is out, and ready to settle the score, but she is about to find out just how out of her league she really is.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed  
USA Television only available

### The Impossible Elephant

FAMILY ADVENTURE, 94 MIN, ENGLISH

Director: Martin Wood  
Producers: David Doerksen and  
Leanne Arnott  
Writers: Robert C. Cooper

A twelve-year-old boy struggling with the recent loss of his mother, wishes upon a star for the coolest pet he can imagine. He is amazed to discover a baby elephant in his backyard and soon learns what it takes to make new friends, to stand up for himself and that his mother was right: There is magic in the world, if you believe.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed  
USA & Canada  
Video/DVD only available

### Black Light

THRILLER, 91 MIN, ENGLISH

Director: Michael Storey  
Producers: David Doerksen,  
Leanne Arnott and Torin Stefanson  
Writer: Vincent Monton

A blind woman with the gift of clairvoyance attempts to lead police in a search for a missing child. Unable to lead the police to the scene in time, her involvement is discouraged by all but one detective who believes she is the key to finding the serial killer. He soon learns he must do so before the killer finds her first.

PROJECT STATUS

Completed  
USA Video/DVD and  
Television available

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