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Humanitarius beautificitus Pascale Bussières Shines in Léa Pool's The Blue Butterfly

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The award-winning star of countless Québecois

films, the radiant Pascale Bussières takes on the role of the mother of a young boy suffering from cancer whose dying wish is to go on a hunt for the rare and magnificent Blue Morpho butterfly.

By Isa Tousignant

# The Shields Stories: Five of the Best Tackle Canada's Premiere Short Story Writer

From Shaftesbury Films of Toronto and Original Pictures of Winnipeg comes this collection of six short stories by Carol Shields, directed by Sarah Polley, Mina Shum, Lynne Stopkewich, Lori Spring and Norma Bailey. By Peter Vesuwalla



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Canada's leading experimental filmmaker continues his exploration of non–narrative cinema with *The Book of Praise*, his new cycle of films, the first three sections of which are now complete. The most recent instalment, *Eros and Wonder*, is a multi–layered technical and sensual achievement.

By Brett Kashmere

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## Gigantic Horseflies, Swarms of Mosquitoes and Frostbite: The Making of The Snow Walker

Based on a short story by Farley Mowat, directed by Charles Martin Smith (Never Cry Wolf) and starring Canada's own Barry Pepper (Saving Private Ryan and The Green Mile), The Snow Walker is an ambitious Arctic tale of endurance and survival made on a shoestring budget.

By Dale Drewery





# The Anatomy of Burlesque: The Embodied Passion of Lindalee Tracey

Meticulously researched, Lindalee Tracey's *The Anatomy of Burlesque* is a fun romp through the history of burlesque, narrated by those who practised the form. It pays tribute to the icons of the genre, including Mae West, Charlie Chaplin, Mata Hari, Lili St. Cyr and Florenz Ziegfield. *By Kathleen Cummins* 

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