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In 1984, to mark the introduction of the Perspective Canada program and launch an extensive retrospective on Canadian cinema, the Toronto International Film Festival Group asked critics, programmers and industry professionals to compile a list of their Top 10 Canadian films. The results were edifying, outlining—perhaps for the first time—a specifically Canadian canon, one that focused as much or more on films from the 1960s and 1970s.



Still number one. Claude Jutra directing Jacques Gagnon and Jean Duceppe in *Mon oncle Antoine* (1971).

# CANADA'S TOP 10 FILMS OF ALL TIME

As Piers Handling noted in the Fall 1994 issue of *Take One*, where the results from the 1993 poll were published, this was no small thing for Canadian cinema had just weathered the tax-shelter years, often considered our darkest cinematic period. The auteurs who established themselves in the 1960s and 1970s suffered significant setbacks as a result of the frequently catastrophic vagaries of the era, when an emphasis on genre and illusory box-office results supplanted the notion of true national cinema, one that reflected Canada to Canadians and presented it to the world. The 1984 poll paid tribute to these pioneers, citing filmmakers like Claude Jutra, Don Shebib, Gilles Carle, Don Owen and Jean Beaudin.

The 1993 poll, which marked the 10th anniversary of Perspective Canada, suggested a kind of consensus, with six films reappearing on the list. At the same time, the poll acknowledged two key developments; the emergence of the so-called Toronto new wave (represented by Patricia Rozema's *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing* and Atom Egoyan's *The Adjuster*) and the prominence of Québécois director Denys Arcand, who enjoyed the rare distinction of having two films included in the Top 10. In significant ways, the poll reflected the increasing maturity of the industry and of particular artists.

The 2004 poll follows similar lines and suggests an even greater consensus with six of the films from the 1993 poll reappearing. (In fact, it would have been seven if *The Grey Fox* had received one more vote.) This time Arcand earns a greater distinction by placing three films in the Top 10. For the first time, David Cronenberg has a film in the Top 10. Especially exciting is the inclusion of the first Inuit film in the poll: Zacharias Kunuk's celebrated *Atanarjuat (The Fast Runner)*.

I should note that the methodology of this poll was slightly different than its predecessors. This time, the results from 1984 and 1993 were included on the ballot. There was also an attempt to make the poll slightly more international in terms of respondents. Approximately 20 per cent of the respondents were women; almost 25 per cent were from outside Canada.

We've elected to highlight the Top 20 finishers, in part because, in some ways, this list is even more intriguing. The results acknowledge significant contributions from the West (two films by Winnipeg director Guy Maddin place, as does Phillip Borsos's aforementioned *The Grey Fox*). Two more intimate films by Atom Egoyan and David Cronenberg are cited and Michael Snow's *Wavelength* also received significant support.

As with any poll, there are certain oddities. Sadly, there are no films by women filmmakers in the Top 20—though Rozema, Deepa Mehta, Léa Pool, Anne Wheeler and Joyce Weiland all received a substantial number of votes. And only one documentary, *Pour la suite de monde*, directed by NFB stalwart Pierre Perrault with Michel Brault, made the Top 20. It's worth noting that, despite nearly constant fluctuation in the distribution scene and public and private funding policies over the last decade, our filmmakers have managed to tell their own compelling stories—and their energy and creativity is particularly reflected in the films that placed in the bottom half of the Top 20, acknowledging the emergence of new talents from different regions of Canada. There are more than 200 films listed here. As Handling said in 1993, all of them are worth seeing, and they represent a rich film heritage that grows richer with each passing year.

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## two thousand and four

1. Mon oncle Antoine (1971)
2. Jésus de Montréal (1988)
3. The Sweet Hereafter (1997)
4. Goin' down the Road (1970)
5. Atanarjuat (2002)
6. Dead Ringers (1988)
7. Les Ordres (1974)
8. Les Bons Débarras (1980)
9. Le Déclin de l'empire américain (1986)
10. Les Invasions barbares (2003)
11. The Grey Fox (1983)
12. Léolo (1992)
13. The Heart of the World (2000)
14. Wavelength (1967)
15. The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974)
16. Calendar (1993)
17. Spider (2003)
18. Pour la suite du monde (1963)
19. Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould (1994)
20. The Saddest Music in the World (2004)
21. Crash (1996)
22. Exotica (1994)

## nineteen ninety-three

1. Mon oncle Antoine (1971)
2. Jésus de Montréal (1988)
3. Goin' down the Road (1970)
4. Le Déclin de l'empire américain (1986)
5. Les Bons Débarras (1980)
6. Les Ordres (1974)
7. The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974)
8. The Grey Fox (1983)
9. I've Heard the Mermaids Singing (1987)
10. The Adjuster (1991)

## nineteen eighty-four

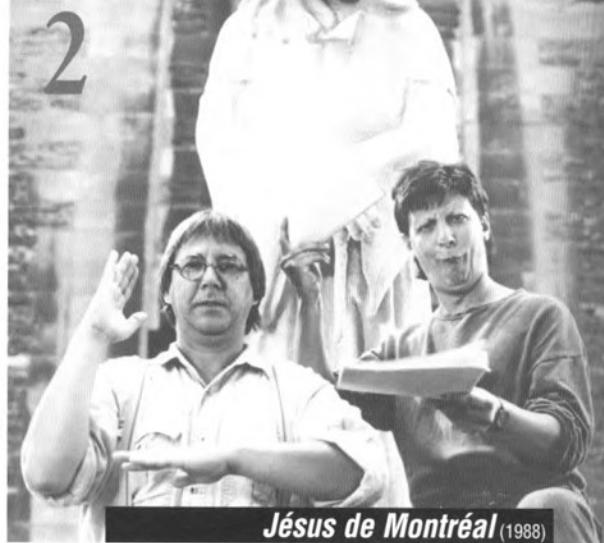
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6. Les Ordres (1974)
7. J.A. Martin, photographe (1977)
8. Pour la suite du monde (1963)
9. Nobody Waved Good-Bye (1964)
10. La Vraie Nature de Bernadette (1972)

**MAURIE ALIOFF**  
Associate editor, *Take One*  
Atanarjuat  
Spider  
Jésus de Montréal  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
Dead Ringers  
Les Bons Débarras  
Léolo  
Les Triplettes de Belleville  
Post-Mortem  
Family Viewing

**BLAINE ALLAN**  
Department head,  
Queen's University  
(in chronological order)  
Safe Clothing  
Begone Dull Care  
Les Raquetteurs  
Warrendale  
Wojeck: "The Last Man in  
the World"  
The Ballad of Crowfoot  
Surfacing on the Thames  
Les Dernières fiançailles  
The Grey Fox  
Da Vinci's Inquest: "Little  
Sister"

**JASON ANDERSON**  
Film critic, *eye weekly*  
Wavelength  
Calendar  
Léolo  
Dead Ringers  
Thirty-Two Short Films  
about Glenn Gould  
La Sarrasine  
The Heart of the World  
Neighbours  
Jésus de Montréal  
Atanarjuat

**DAVID ANSEN**  
Senior editor, *Newsweek*  
The Boys of St. Vincent  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Les Invasions barbares  
The Saddest Music in the  
World  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
The Adjuster  
Thirty-Two Short Films  
about Glenn Gould  
The Brood  
My American Cousin  
Léolo



**Jésus de Montréal** (1988)

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**The Sweet Hereafter** (1997)

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**Goin' down the Road** (1970)

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**KAY ARMATAGE**  
Associate professor,  
University of Toronto  
Wavelength  
Calendar  
I've Heard the Mermaids  
Singing  
Fire  
Dead Ringers  
Bye Bye Blues  
Rat Life and Diet in  
North America  
Les Invasions barbares  
Jésus de Montréal  
The Grey Fox

**CAMERON BAILEY**  
Film critic  
(in preferential order)  
Dead Ringers  
The Heart of the World  
Atanarjuat  
Very Nice, Very Nice  
Les Ordres  
You Take Care Now  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Sonatine  
Frank's Cock  
La Région centrale

**WILLIAM BEARD**  
Film Studies co-ordinator, University of Alberta  
(in chronological order)  
Blinkity Blank  
City of Gold  
Back and Forth  
La Vraie Nature de Bernadette  
Between Friends  
Le Confort et l'indifférence  
Dead Ringers  
Exotica  
Last Night  
Cowards Bend the Knee

**CAROLINE BENJO**  
Producer, *Haut et Court*  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Les Bons Débarras  
I've Heard the Mermaids  
Singing  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Les Invasions barbares  
La Vraie Nature de Bernadette  
Crash  
Le Nèg'  
Last Night  
Anne Trister

**ANDRÉ BENNETT**  
President and CEO,  
Cinema Esperança International  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Goin' down the Road  
Les Bons Débarras  
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz  
Les Ordres  
J.A. Martin, photographe  
Family Viewing  
Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
Les Invasions barbares

**CARL BESSAI**  
Filmmaker  
Spider  
Les Invasions barbares  
The Sweet Hereafter  
eXistenZ  
The Grey Fox  
Black Robe  
Jésus de Montréal  
Margaret's Museum  
The Saddest Music in the World  
The Snow Walker

**DIANE BURGESS**  
Programmer, VIFF  
Atanarjuat  
Calendar  
Le Confessional  
The Heart of the World  
Léolo  
Lilies  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Pour la suite du monde  
waydowntown  
When the Day Breaks

**LUC CHAPUT**  
Film critic, *Séquences*  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
Les Bons Débarras  
A Chairy Tale  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Pour la suite du monde  
À tout prendre  
The Grey Fox  
J.A. Martin, photographe  
Dead Ringers  
Les Ordres

**DENIS CHOUINARD**  
Filmmaker  
Entre la mer et l'eau douce  
À tout prendre  
Le Chat dans le sac  
Les Ordres  
Pour la suite du monde  
Les Bons Débarras  
Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould  
L'Eau chaude l'eau frette  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Picture of Light

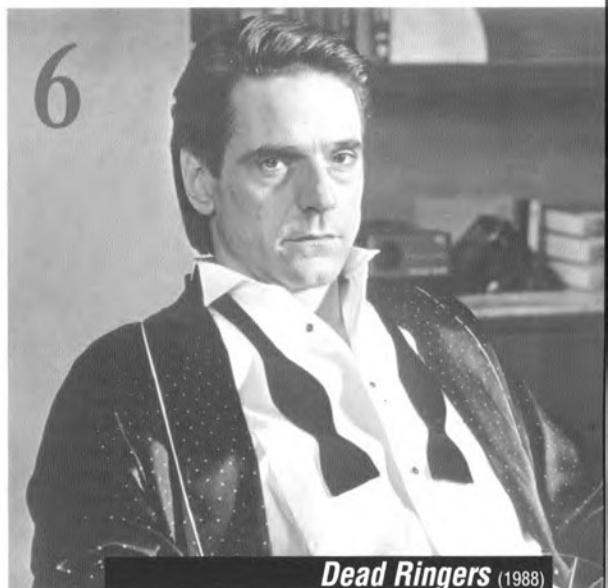
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Filmmaker  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Jésus de Montréal  
Léolo  
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Les Ordres  
Black Christmas  
Nobody Waved  
Good-Bye  
Skip Tracer

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Crime Wave  
Goin' down the Road  
Skip Tracer  
The Mask  
Rituals  
Crash  
The Grey Fox  
Nobody Waved  
Good-Bye  
Comic Book Confidential  
Warrendale

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Mon oncle Antoine  
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz  
The Boys of St. Vincent  
Sous-sol  
Free Fall  
Emporte-moi  
The Champions Parts I & II  
Heartaches  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
The Heart of the World



**Atanarjuat** (2002)



**Dead Ringers** (1988)



**Les Ordres** (1974)

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**LIZ CZACH**  
Programmer, TIFFG  
Atanarjuat  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
Emporte-moi  
Exotica  
Goin' down the Road  
Jésus de Montréal  
Les Ordres  
Pour la suite du monde  
Tales from the Gimli  
Hospital  
Videodrome

**STACEY DONEN**  
Programmer, TIFFG  
Au claire de la lune  
Les Ordres  
Crash  
Dead Ringers  
À tout prendre  
Archangel  
Avoir 16 ans  
Gambling, Gods and LSD  
Léolo  
Pour la suite du monde

**R. BRUCE ELDER**  
Filmmaker  
La Région centrale  
Goin' down the Road  
The Hart of London  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Warrendale  
Jésus de Montréal  
Atanarjuat  
Les Ordres  
Reason over Passion  
Les Fleurs sauvages

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Les Invasions barbares  
The Heart of the World  
Fire  
Emporte-moi  
Jésus de Montréal  
Les Bons Débarras  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Spider  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Les Triplettes de Belleville

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Mon oncle Antoine  
Atanarjuat  
Exotica  
The Hart of London  
House of Pain  
Crash  
Jésus de Montréal  
Kissed  
Warrendale  
The Saddest Music in the  
World

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Film critic  
La Vraie Nature de  
Bernadette  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
The Sweet Hereafter  
The Hanging Garden  
Les Invasions barbares  
The Grey Fox  
Les Ordres  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
Goin' down the Road

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A Married Couple  
Le Vieux Pays où  
Rimbaud est mort  
Lonely Boy  
La Région centrale  
Shivers  
Hard Core Logo  
Picture of Light  
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Canadian Pacific

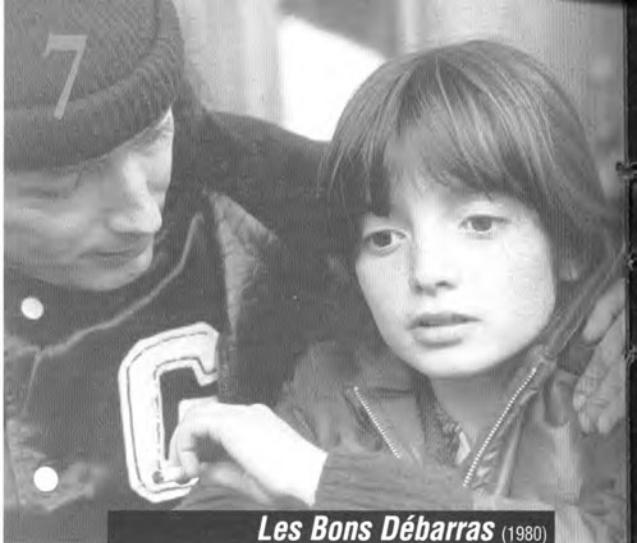
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Spider  
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des arbres  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
Mon oncle Antoine

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Artistic director, Images  
Festival  
Free Fall  
Canadian Pacific I & II  
Atanarjuat  
The Hart of London  
Begone Dull Care  
passing through/torn  
formations  
Wavelength  
Nunavut: Our Land  
Watersark  
Les Bons Débarras

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VP Bravo!/CHUM-TV  
Les Invasions barbares  
Atanarjuat  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
The Grey Fox  
Jésus de Montréal  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Spider  
Goin' down the Road

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A Married Couple  
Earth  
Calendar  
Hard Core Logo  
Between Friends  
À tout prendre  
Careful  
Mansfield Park  
La Sarrasine  
Emporte-moi

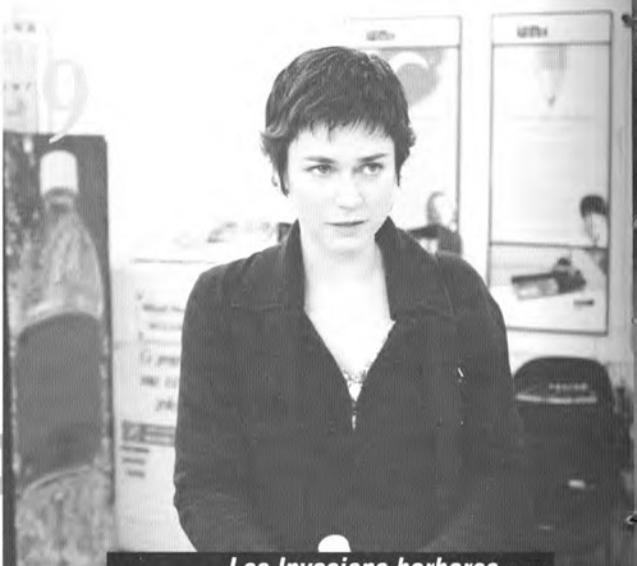
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Director and CEO,  
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(in chronological order)  
Pour la suite du monde  
Le Chat dans le sac  
Wavelength  
La Vraie Nature de  
Bernadette  
Réjeanne Padovani  
Between Friends  
Le Vieux Pays où  
Rimbaud est mort  
Life Classes  
Calendar  
Crash



**Les Bons Débarras** (1980)



**Le Déclin de l'empire américain** (1986)



**Les Invasions barbares** (2003)

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Dead Ringers  
Volcano: An Inquiry Into the Life and Death of Malcolm Lowry  
The Rubber Gun  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Hard Core Logo  
Goin' down the Road  
Le Confort et l'indifférence  
passing through/torn formations  
Begone Dull Care  
Les Bons Débarras

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Hard Core Logo  
Le Confessional  
Goin' down the Road  
Atanarjuat  
Spider  
Exotica  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Black Christmas  
A Married Couple  
The Saddest Music in the World

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Neighbours  
FUBAR  
Goin' down the Road  
Forbidden Love  
Jésus de Montréal  
Dead Ringers  
Winter Kept Us Warm  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Grey Fox  
Last Night

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The Saddest Music in the World  
Cowards Bend the Knee  
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The Adjuster  
Dying at Grace  
Outback  
Crash  
Dead Ringers  
Scanners  
Lilies

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Wavelength  
La Région centrale  
Corpus Callosum  
Crash  
Exotica  
The Hart of London  
Archangel  
Spider  
The Heart of the World  
Atanarjuat

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Filmmaker  
The Hart of London  
Wavelength  
Like a Dream That Vanishes  
Waterworx (A Clear Day and No Memories)  
Atanarjuat  
Tom  
Birds at Sunrise  
The Art of Worldly Wisdom  
Our Marilyn  
Les Dernières fiançailles

**ALEXANDER HORWATH**  
Director, The Austrian Film Museum  
(in preferential order)  
Videodrome  
Wavelength  
Family Viewing  
Crash  
Pour la suite du monde  
La Région centrale  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Atlantic City  
Dying at Grace  
Mon oncle Antoine

**PETER HOWELL**  
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Goin' down the Road  
The Luck of Ginger Coffey  
Nobody Waved Good-Bye  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Wedding In White  
The Apprenticeship Of Duddy Kravitz  
Les Ordres  
Un Zoo la nuit  
The Saddest Music In the World  
Jésus de Montréal

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Back and Forth  
Cut the Parrot  
Exotica  
The 49th Parallel\*  
Gambling, Gods and LSD  
The Heart of the World  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Pour la suite du monde  
La Région centrale  
Scanners

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Producer-in-residence, Canadian Film Centre  
Black Christmas  
Crime Wave  
Felicia's Journey  
Goin' down the Road  
Hard Core Logo  
Jesus Christ Vampire  
Hunter  
Jésus de Montréal  
Léolo  
The Saddest Music in the World  
Shivers

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Producer  
Quest for Fire  
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz  
Pouvoir intime  
Léolo  
Joshua Then and Now  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Black Robe  
Sunshine  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
Les Invasions barbares

**ANDRÉ LAVOIE**  
Film critic, *Le Devoir*  
24 heures ou plus...  
Dead Ringers  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Manufacturing Consent  
Les Bons Débarras  
Jésus de Montréal  
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz  
The Street  
J.A. Martin, photographe  
I've Heard the Mermaids Singing

**JEAN PIERRE LEFEBVRE**  
Cinéaste  
On est loin du soleil  
Le Chat dans le sac  
Les Bons Débarras  
Les Ordres  
La Vraie Nature de Bernadette  
La Maudite galette  
Enfants du Québec et alvéoles familiales  
Calendar  
Mariages  
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Goin' down the Road  
Jésus de Montréal  
Life Classes  
The Hanging Garden  
My American Cousin  
Bye Bye Blues  
Manufacturing Consent  
Picture of Light  
Lilies



***The Grey Fox*** (1983)



***Léolo*** (1992)



***The Heart of the World*** (2000)

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The Harold Greenberg Fund  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Grey Fox  
Les Invasions barbares  
Goin' down the Road  
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz  
Atlantic City  
I've Heard the Mermaids Singing  
Atanarjuat  
Les Triplettes de Belleville  
The Sweet Hereafter

**MICHELLE MARION**  
Director, Canadian Independent Production, The Movie Network  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Jésus de Montréal  
Les Invasions barbares  
Goin' down the Road  
Ararat  
The Heart of the World  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Atanarjuat  
Maelström  
Clean

**BILL MARSHALL**  
Producer, Xybermedia/  
Founder, TIFFG  
Outrageous!  
Hank Williams: The Show He Never Gave  
The Saddest Music in the World  
Videodrome  
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz  
Goin' down the Road  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Grey Fox  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
Ararat

**GILLES MARSOLAIS**  
*Critique, 24 Images*  
À tout prendre  
Pour la suite du monde  
Goin' down the Road  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Les Ordres  
Les Bons Débarras  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould  
Exotica  
Les Invasions barbares

**JASON MCBRIDE**  
Managing editor, *Cinema Scope*  
Dead Ringers  
Archangel  
Wavelength  
Gambling, Gods and LSD  
Careful  
Calendar  
Sonatine  
The 100 Videos  
Atanarjuat  
Very Nice, Very Nice

**BRUCE McDONALD**  
**Filmmaker**  
Crash  
Avoir 16 ans  
Les Bons Débarras  
Crime Wave  
L'Ange et la femme  
Gambling, Gods and LSD  
Lost and Delirious  
The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam  
The Art of Worldly Wisdom  
Childstar

**DAVID MCINTOSH**  
**Programmer, Hot Docs**  
Fire  
The Heart of the World  
Kahnesetake: 270 Years of Resistance  
Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould  
Warrendale  
Videodrome  
Léolo  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Le Chat dans le sac  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain

**KEVIN MCMAHON**  
**Filmmaker**  
Nanook of the North\*  
Atanarjuat  
Neighbours  
Jésus de Montréal  
Passiflora  
Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media  
Outrageous!  
Crime Wave  
So Is This  
Very Nice, Very Nice

**TOM MCSORLEY**  
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Mon oncle Antoine  
Between Friends  
Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould  
Le Vieux Pays où Rimbaud est mort  
Begone Dull Care  
Jésus de Montréal  
Life Classes  
The Adjuster  
Lonely Boy  
The Hart of London

**LUCIANO MONTEAGUDO**  
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J.A. Martin, photographe  
The Grey Fox  
Videodrome  
Dead Ringers  
Careful  
Calendar  
The Sweet Hereafter  
eXistenZ  
The Heart of the World

**PETER MORRIS**  
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Ararat  
Les Bons Débarras  
The Book of All the Dead  
The Far Shore  
Les Invasions barbares  
Kamouraska  
The Red Violin  
Spider  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Wavelength

**JOHN PAIZS**  
**Director and instructor, Canadian Film Centre**  
Black Christmas  
Careful  
Goin' down the Road  
The Grey Fox  
Hard Core Logo  
I've Heard the Mermaids Singing  
Kissed  
Léolo  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Sweet Hereafter

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Les Ordres  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Goin' down the Road  
The Champions Parts I & II  
Careful  
Crime Wave  
Les Fleurs sauvages  
Exotica  
The Adjuster  
Dead Ringers

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La Région centrale  
Réjeanne Padovani  
Le Déclin de l'empire américain  
Les Ordres  
La Bête lumineuse  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Dead Ringers  
Calendar  
The Adjuster  
J.A. Martin, photographe



**Wavelength** (1967)



**The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz** (1974)



**Calendar** (1993)

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Co-director, Telluride  
Film Festival  
Les Invasions barbares  
Archangel  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Grey Fox  
The Adjuster  
Léolo  
Spider  
Les Ordres  
The Sweet Hereafter

**MARK PERANSON**  
Editor, *Cinema Scope*  
Archangel  
Arrowhead  
Calendar  
Le Confessional  
The Heart of the World  
Les Ordres  
Picture of Light  
Springtime in Greenland  
À tout prendre  
Videodrome

**GINETTE PETIT**  
President and producer,  
*Les Films Outsiders*  
Un Crabe dans la tête  
Le Bonheur est une chan-  
son triste  
Roger Toupin, épicer  
variété  
La Moitié gauche du frigo  
Kabloonak  
Un Zoo la nuit  
Jésus de Montréal  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Atanarjuat  
Les Bons Débarras

**GEOFF PEVERE**  
Film critic, *Toronto Star*/  
*Reel to Real*  
Crash  
Exotica  
The Heart of the World  
Wavelength  
Neighbours  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Pour la suite du monde  
Reason over Passion  
Atanarjuat  
Goin' down the Road

**JEREMY PODESWA**  
Filmmaker  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Dead Ringers  
Les Invasions barbares  
Careful  
Last Night  
Kissed  
Outrageous!  
Atanarjuat  
The Company of  
Strangers  
Léolo

**NIK POWELL**  
Director, National Film and  
Television School (U.K.)  
Les Invasions barbares  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Apprenticeship of

Duddy Kravitz  
Jésus de Montréal  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
The Grey Fox  
The Adjuster

**GERALD PRATLEY**  
Adjunct professor,  
Ryerson University

Nobody Waved  
Good-Bye  
Goin' down the Road  
Mon oncle Antoine  
La Vraie Nature de  
Bernadette  
J.A. Martin, photographe  
Les Bons Débarras  
The Grey Fox  
Jésus de Montréal  
Bye Bye Blues  
Spider

**RAY PRIDE**  
Contributing editor,  
*Newcity*

Atanarjuat  
Calendar  
Crime Wave  
Hard Core Logo  
The Heart of the World  
Kitchen Party  
Last Night  
Maelström  
Project Grizzly  
Videodrome

**LIA RINALDO**  
Festival director,  
Atlantic Film Festival

Jésus de Montréal  
Léolo  
The Hanging Garden  
My Dog Vincent  
Roadkill  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
Reconstruction  
My Life without Me  
Les Triplettes de Belleville  
eXistenZ

**PETER HARRY RIST**  
Associate professor,  
Concordia University  
(first two ranked,  
remainder in chrono-  
logical order)

Pour la suite du monde  
La Région centrale  
Back to God's Country  
Begone Dull Care  
Les Raquetteurs  
Lonely Boy  
Rat Life and Diet in  
North America  
Le Vieux Pays où  
Rimbaud est mort  
Mourir à tue-tête  
Videodrome

**SÉGOLÈNE ROEDERER**  
Directrice générale,  
*Les Rendez-vous du  
cinéma québécois*  
À tout prendre  
La Vie heureuse de  
Léopold Z.

Mon oncle Antoine  
L'Eau chaude l'eau frette  
24 heures ou plus...  
Les Bons Débarras  
Thirty-Two Short Films  
about Glenn Gould  
Yes Sir! Madame...  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Amelia

**JONATHAN ROSENBAUM**  
Film critic, *Chicago Reader*

Archangel  
Begone Dull Care  
Calendar  
Corpus Callosum  
Jésus de Montréal  
Naked Lunch  
Pour la suite du monde  
La Région centrale  
The Saddest Music in the  
World  
Wavelength

**BARBARA SCHARRES**  
Director of program-  
ming, *Gene Siskel  
Film Center*

The Heart of the World  
Sonatine  
Léolo  
Au claire de la lune  
Les Bons Débarras  
Les Ordres  
Between Friends  
Jésus de Montréal  
The Far Shore  
Wavelength

**SHLOMO SCHWARTZBERG**  
Film critic, *Box Office Magazine*

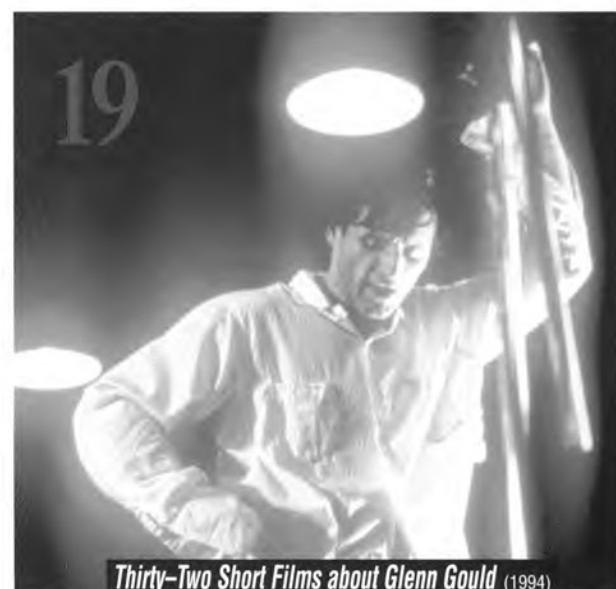
Thirty-Two Short Films  
about Glenn Gould  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
Dead Ringers  
Goin' down the Road  
I Shout Love  
Just Watch Me: Trudeau  
and the '70s Generation  
Last Night  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Réjeanne Padovani  
Sous-sol



**Spider** (2003)



**Pour la suite du monde** (1963)



**Thirty-Two Short Films about Glenn Gould** (1994)

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**ALISSA SIMON**  
Programmer, Palm  
Springs International  
Film Festival  
  
Exotica  
Careful  
I've Heard the Mermaids  
Singing  
Manufacturing Consent  
La Vraie Nature de  
Bernadette  
Atanarjuat  
Last Night  
Dead Ringers  
Les Bons Débarras  
Wavelength

**JIM SINCLAIR**  
Executive director,  
Pacific Cinémathèque  
  
Atanarjuat  
Neighbours  
Lonely Boy  
The Heart of the World  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Goin' down the Road  
Dead Ringers  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Thirty-Two Short Films  
about Glenn Gould  
Jésus de Montréal

**DAVID SPANER**  
Film critic, *The Province*  
Last Wedding  
Spider  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
Dead Ringers  
When Tomorrow Dies  
Dirty  
On the Corner  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Nobody Waved  
Good-Bye  
Double Happiness

**BARBARA STERNBERG**  
Filmmaker  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Goin' down the Road  
Wavelength  
Watersark  
Hybrid  
La Femme de l'hôtel  
My American Cousin  
Back to God's Country  
L'Âge des images III:  
Comment filmer Dieu  
waydowntown

**DAVID STERRITT**  
Film critic, *The Christian  
Science Monitor*  
Wavelength  
Goin' down the Road  
Illuminated Texts  
I've Heard the Mermaids  
Singing  
Dead Ringers  
Manufacturing Consent:  
Noam Chomsky and  
the Media  
Thirty-Two Short Films  
about Glenn Gould  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Last Night  
The Saddest Music in the  
World

**KEVIN TIERNEY**  
Producer  
Les Triplets de Belleville  
Léolo  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Kamouraska  
Les Ordres  
Les Bons Débarras  
Les Invasions barbares  
Atlantic City  
Atanarjuat  
Dead Ringers  
The Sweet Hereafter

**KENNETH TURAN**  
Film critic, *Los Angeles  
Times*  
Léolo  
Mon oncle Antoine  
Goin' down the Road  
Jésus de Montréal  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
Un Zoo la nuit  
Hard Core Logo  
The Heart of the World  
Scanners  
The Sweet Hereafter

**THOMAS WAUGH**  
Professor, Concordia  
University  
Neighbours  
Golden Gloves  
À tout prendre  
Il était une fois dans l'est  
Ten Cents a Dance:  
Parallax  
Loyalties  
Richard Cardinal: Cry  
from a Diary of a Métis  
Child  
Au chic resto pop  
Le Singe bleu  
Zero Patience

**JERRY WHITE**  
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University of Alberta  
Pour la suite du monde  
Winds of Fogo  
The Hart of London  
Gina  
Les Fleurs sauvages  
Foster Child  
Le Mouton noir  
Calendar  
Atanarjuat  
Océan

**WYNDHAM WISE**  
Publisher/ Editor-in-  
chief, *Take One*  
Jésus de Montréal  
Dead Ringers  
Le Déclin de l'empire  
américain  
Spider  
The Sweet Hereafter  
Goin' down the Road  
Mon oncle Antoine  
The Grey Fox  
The Apprenticeship of  
Duddy Kravitz  
Les Ordres

**MICHAEL ZRYD**  
Assistant professor, York  
University  
Wavelength  
The Hart of London  
Reason over Passion  
Illuminated Texts  
Atanarjuat  
Manufacturing Consent  
Girl from Moush  
Les Bons Débarras  
Hors-champs  
Canadian Pacific I & II



***The Saddest Music in the World*** (2004)



***Crash*** (1996)



***Exotica*** (1994)

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