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MALIGLUTIT by Zacharias Kunuk to close the 45th Festival du nouveau cinéma

Montreal, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – The Festival du nouveau cinéma de Montréal is pleased to announce that the latest film by Zacharias Kunuk, **MALIGLUTIT**, will close its 45th edition on October 15. Fresh off its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, this feature marks the return of the director at the Festival, 15 years after having shown *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*, winner of the *Caméra d'Or* at the 2001 Cannes Festival and the 2002 Genie award for best film. *Maliglutit*, a revenge tale inspired by John Ford's famous western, *The Searchers*, but transposed to an icy Arctic setting, is a further take on the Inuit community and its culture.

Nunavut, circa 1913. Returning home from a caribou hunting trip, Kuanana discovers that his wife and daughter have been kidnapped and the rest of his family, slaughtered. His father's guardian spirit, a loon named Kallulik, guides him on a quest to thwart destiny and reunite his family.

In **MALIGLUTIT**, Kunuk continues his exploration of the people and landscapes of his native Northern Canada. He assembled a mainly Inuit crew, including Natar Ungalaaq, who played the lead in *Atanarjuat* and here serves as co-director. The filmmaker also called on famous Inuk throat singer Tanya Tagaq to compose the soundtrack in collaboration with musician and composer Chris Crilly, winner of a 2002 Genie for his work on the soundtrack to *Atanarjuat*.

MALIGLUTIT will screen at Cinéma Imperial with French subtitles at 7 pm on Saturday, October 15, during the closing night where the awards will be revealed, including the *Louve d'Or*.

The 45th Festival du nouveau cinéma de Montréal will run from October 5 to 16, 2016.

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