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## Media Release

### Media City Film Festival braces for largest filmmaker attendance in festival's 16-year history. Highlights announced!

**Windsor, ON / Detroit, MI, May 12, 2010**– Windsor's [Media City Film Festival](#) is gearing up for its largest guest filmmaker attendance in the festival's 16-year history. Most of the artists represented in the festival will attend from across North America and Europe, along with numerous film critics, curators and other cinema professionals arriving from Zagreb (Croatia), Amsterdam (Netherlands), New York, Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere. Still two weeks away, more than 120 room nights are reserved at the Travelodge Hotel in downtown Windsor, with expectations that this number will increase.

Media City's 2010 highlights also include two very high-profile retrospective screenings. On loan from the [Netherlands Filmmuseum](#), the films of [Johan van der Keuken: 1960-2000](#) (Wed 26, 7:30 pm) offers a rare chance to see work by one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most significant documentary filmmakers. Van der Keuken's career spans over 40 years, during which time he made 55 short and feature-length films. This program will be presented in partnership with Windsor's [Broken City Lab](#) and [Common Ground Art Gallery](#). With limited seating available, cinemagoers are encouraged to arrive early.

Filmmaker and photographer **Friedl vom Gröller (Kubelka)** attends Media City from Vienna, Austria to present a two-part retrospective in partnership with the Art Gallery of Windsor. Vom Gröller will conduct a walk-through and talk for her photo exhibit [Year Portraits](#) currently installed at the AGW (Fri 28, 3 pm). [A program of her films \(1968-2010\)](#) will be also be screened (Fri 28, 7:30 pm) with the director present, including North American and World Premieres.

Local artists and filmmakers also feature prominently at the festival's 16<sup>th</sup> edition. The **FREE Opening Night Party** (Wed 26, 6 pm, presented with [CJAM](#), [Arts Council Windsor and Region](#) and [WAMM magazine](#)) will feature a live audio visual performance by Windsor native [Chris Bissonette](#) and is a chance to meet, mingle and have a drink with artists and filmmakers. Windsor artists [Christopher McNamara](#), [Michele Tarailo](#), and [Ed Janzen](#) will all have works screened in the [Regional Artists Program](#) (Thurs 27, 6 pm) along with other new films and videos from Detroit, London ON and Ann Arbor. This program is co-presented with the [Windsor Endowment for the Arts](#) and the [Detroit Projection Project](#).

Most of the filmmakers visiting Media City are represented in the festival's **International Programs**, which include 31 new films and videos in 6 programs from Wed May 26 to Sat May 30. The programs include premieres of new work by veteran filmmakers like [Ute Aurand](#) (Germany), [Julie Murray](#) (Ireland) and [Vincent Grenier](#) (USA) along with new talents like [Mati Diop](#) (Senegal), [Arnaud Gerber](#) (France) and [Alexandra Cuesta](#) (Ecuador).

Unless otherwise noted all Media City events are at the Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave W, Windsor.

Tickets to all screenings are Pay What You Can (\$5 suggested). Full festival pass: \$20. Tickets and passes available at the door.

### **About Media City Film Festival**

Media City (established 1994) is five-day long international festival of artist's film and video, featuring visiting filmmakers, exhibitions, live performances, retrospective screenings, and international competition programs showcasing new work by some of the world's most influential media artists. Now in its 16th year, the festival is recognized as one of leading events of its kind in the world, garnering global attention for its "internationalism, eclecticism and sheer excellence of programming."  
(Senses of Cinema)

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