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***Le bruit des arbres (The Sound of Trees)***

Selected in Official Competition at  
Karlovy Vary International Film Festival

Paris, June 2, 2015. Alpha Violet and Couzin Films are thrilled to announce the selection in Official Competition of the French-Canadian feature film *Le bruit des arbres (The Sound of Trees)* by François Péloquin to the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the prestigious Karlovy Vary International Film Festival that will be held from July 3 to 11, 2015.

This international premiere will be presented on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Karlovy Vary in the presence of director and co-screenwriter François Péloquin, co-screenwriter Sarah Lévesque, producer Ziad Touma, and lead actors Antoine L'Écuyer and Roy Dupuis.

**Synopsis**

17 year-old Jérémie (Antoine L'Écuyer) dreams of a better life, away from the family sawmill and his native village in Gaspésie, Québec. Instead of the forestry work, Jérémie prefers pimping his car, hip hop music and slacking off with his friends. The situation despairs his father Régis (Roy Dupuis), who blames this disinterest on a local drug dealer. When the elder brother leaves town, the lives of Jérémie and Régis drastically change. "The Sound of Trees" chronicles the summer of a teenager caught between the river and the forest.

**Director's biography**

Anthropologist at heart, with a deep love of people and their ordinary ways, François Péloquin creates powerful images that reflect his obsession for truthful details. It's by embarking in "La Course autour du monde 97-98" as a videographer for Radio-Canada that François discovered a medium that will make him direct many short films, commercials, music videos, documentary series and visual designs for the stage. François is currently writing his next feature film, "Les secrets" ("The Secrets"), with Sarah Lévesque, the co-writer of his directorial debut, "Le bruit des arbres" ("The Sound of Trees").

**Team**

The Director of Photography is François Messier-Rheault, Art Director is Simon Guilbault, Costumes by Julie Charland and Location Sound by François Grenon. Editing by Martin Bourgault, Aube Foglia and Simon Sauvé, Sound Design by Sylvain Bellemare, Original Music composed by Mimi Allard and Sound Mix by Luc Boudrias. Nathalie Boutrie was the Casting Director, Virginie Léger was the Production Manager and Francine Langlois the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director. Willia Ferland-Tanguay, Rémi Goulet, Charles-Émile Lafleur and Bobby Beshro complete the cast.

**Production**

*Le bruit des arbres* is produced by Ziad Touma for Couzin Films, with the financial participation of Sodec, Telefilm Canada, Quebec Tax Credits, the Harold Greenberg Fund and the Canadian Tax Credits, with the collaboration of SuperÉcran and Ici Radio-Canada, and developed with the help of Cogeco Fund and Forum de Namur.

**Distribution**

Alpha Violet (Paris) is handling international sales, while K-Films Amérique is distributing the film in Canada.

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