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### *"Highway of Tears"* Montreal Premiere

Montreal, Canada- "Highway of Tears" is having it's Montreal premiere on April 10, 2015 in a special presentation by Montreal born filmmaker, Matthew Smiley. The film premiered in March 2014 at the TIFF Human Rights Watch Film Festival and has since gone on to win 3 back to back festivals (Malibu International Film Festival, Zonta Film Festival and Vancouver Women in Film and Television Festival) and selling out various theatres across Canada and the United States.

In the last month, the filmmakers have committed to over 40 screenings in Canada, the United States and in Europe, as the phenomenon of missing and murdered women & girls has been thrown into the spotlight.

Smiley has been traveling with the film from city to city in Canada since March 5th and is now preparing to present the film to a select audience in Montreal at the Museum of Fine Arts on April 10th, then a public screening on April 13th at the AMC Forum at 7:30pm (with a discussion panel of special guests).

The issue of missing and murdered women & girls has been largely neglected by the Canadian government and general public. It is now being pushed into the forefront of public discussion, as families of the over 1,200 missing and murdered women are looking for answers, action and justice. Far too many cases have been neglected and proper investigations need to be carried through for countless families to have closure. It's also an important social discussion that needs to be had in order to protect all Canadian women from violence.

With a growing list of confirmed panelists: Marc Garneau (C.C., CD, Ph.D., F.C.A.S.I., MP - politician, retired military officer, former astronaut, and engineer), Tanya Lalonde (President of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission - QC Liberal Party of Canada) and two more to be added along with the film's director, the Montreal premiere is bound to be an powerful night.

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