**Branch Collective brings choreographers and**

**filmmakers from across the country to Sudbury**

**DANCE ONSCREEN: Sudbury’s Dance Film Festival**

Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 - Sudbury, ON - Branch Collective is thrilled to present Sudbury’s first national dance film festival *DANCE ONSCREEN*, from Thursday, November 17th to Sunday, November 20th at the Sudbury Indie Cinema.

*DANCE ONSCREEN* presents five programs of dance and movement-based films in Sudbury for audiences to enjoy. The first of its kind in Sudbury, DANCE ONSCREEN is a dance film festival that brings work from across the country into one theatre.

The festival begins on Thursday, November 17th with a feature film showing of *Cabaret(1972)*. Celebrating its 50 year anniversary, *Cabaret*, is a film that layers serious social issues with the bohemian life of live performers in Berlin during the Weimar Republic. The film holds forty international awards, including eight Academy Awards. *Cabaret* will be screened at 6:30pm, and will follow by a festival launch party at the Sudbury Indie Cinema.

On Friday, November 18th the “Local Commissions” program will screen at 7pm. This showcase features films created by local artists through a project led by Branch Collective called The Northern Dance Film Initiative. The NDFI brought local choreographers, musicians, and filmmakers together to form creative teams during August - October of this year. The teams worked together to collaboratively create new works; dance films made by artists who live in Nothern Ontario, in Northern Ontario.

"I am so thrilled to share such innovative and interesting dance films from across Canada with Sudbury next weekend", says Festival Prodcuer Mikaela Demers. "But I am especially excited to share the work of Sudbury dancers, musicians and filmmakers who collaborated to create 6 unique dance films that will be shared for the first time at Dance Onscreen. In total, 25 different local artists participated in this process."

The “Youth Program” will screen on Saturday, November 19th at 3:30pm, bringing together works created by the next generation of artists, aged 15-25, from across the country in one program. The screening is preempted with a Community Coffee hosted at KUPPAJOE, creating a space for artists and audience members to come together and make personal connections.

November, Sunday 20th presents the “Ontario Showcase” at 12pm, uniting artists from Northern and Southern Ontario, followed by the “Canadian Open” program at 2pm, presenting choreographers and filmmakers from across the country. That morning, Leigh Lugosi, a filmmaker from Winnipeg will facilitate the making of a dance film in real time. Their spontaneous art making workshop is open to all local artists and participants for free at 9:30am, hosted at Sudbury School of Dance.

SCREENING DATES & TIMES:

Thursday, November 17th, 2022 - 6:30PM - *Cabaret*

Friday, November 18th, 2022 - 7:00PM - Local Comissions

Saturday, November 19th, 2022 - 3:30PM - Youth Program

Sunday, November 20th, 2022 - 12:00PM - Ontario Showcase

Sunday, November 20th, 2022 - 2:00PM - Canadian Open

LOCATION:

Sudbury Indie Cinema,162 MacKenzie St, Sudbury ON

TICKETS:

Tickets can be purchased online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dance-onscreen-tickets-458598649907).

Full Festival Schedule can be found on the [Branch Collective website](https://madeformovers.com/dance-onscreen).

The Festival trailer can be seen on [Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/766291588).

Current Provincial public health guidelines for all COVID-19 protocols will be upheld. We strongly encourage patrons to wear masks and get vaccinated.

Thank you to the Canada Council for the Arts for supporting this initiative.

For Hi-Res photos, Video clips, Artist Interviews, interviews with Mikaela Demers: Media Ref mikaela@madeformovers.com or call 647-876-7159