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## **The Disturbing “Sugar Babies” to Open the 3rd MIHFF The Ground-breaking “Le Chauffeur” to Close the 3rd MIHFF**

**Montreal, August 31, 2007** - The 3rd Montreal International Haitian Film Festival (MIHFF), which runs from September 19 to 23, 2007, invites you to discover the latest in Haitian cinema through a rich, diverse program.

The North-American premiere of **“The Sugar Babies,”** to be screened **in the presence of Cuban-American director Amy Serrano**, will inaugurate the 3rd MIHFF. This film shows the reality of Haitians working in the sugar cane industry in the Dominican Republic, and deals more specifically with the lives of the children.

This documentary elicited strong reactions from the Dominican authorities, and the director received death threats from magnates in the sugar industry. The opening night is September 19, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the Mirella and Lino Saputo Theatre at the Leonardo da Vinci Centre.

To the great pleasure of all, the film **“Le Chauffeur”** will close the Festival on September 23. It’s a story of impossible love, disappearance and conspiracy: a social drama. Highly anticipated and shot entirely in Haiti, the **world premiere** of this film will be screened **in the presence of Jean-Claude Bourjolly**, who also directed “Sonson.” The closing night festivities will take place after the awards ceremony at 8 p.m. in the Mirella and Lino Saputo Theatre at the Leonardo da Vinci Centre.

The official program of the 3<sup>rd</sup> MIHFF will be unveiled at the September 11 press conference to be held at the NFB Cinema.

Created by the Fabienne Colas Foundation, the MIHFF promotes Haitian cinema, encourages quality independent cinema and provides an opportunity for professionals from Haiti, Quebec and elsewhere to meet. This five-day event (September 19 to 23, 2007) filled with new discoveries, interculturalism, entertainment and sharing will present the best and the most amazing new films in the world of Haitian cinema: fiction, documentary, feature-length and short films are all on the roster for the enjoyment of thousands of movie-goers in Quebec.

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