**Main Festival Program:**

Welcome to FIN Atlantic International Film Festival 2018!

FIN is many things. First, it’s a film festival. But it’s also a co-production conference—FIN Partners, and a script-development opportunity for local filmmakers—FIN Makers.

FIN also gets out into the community, with FIN Outdoor bringing the communal spirit of film outside on warm Nova Scotia summer nights. FIN Kids hosts a youth film competition and school festival tour, and FIN Campus brings “Film Festival Evenings” to participating universities.

The main event reels out stories on screens for eight days in September. Whereas FIN, the French word for “end,” traditionally signals a film’s close, the festival is an opening, as FIN opens possibilities for audiences to view new international films before their theatrical release. The festival is also a premiere screening venue for Atlantic Canada’s filmmakers.

FIN is all about engaging with the world by putting Atlantic Canada’s best foot forward. This echoes the Government of Canada’s commitment to regional economic development, expressed through the Atlantic Growth Strategy. The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) is working with provincial governments to help Atlantic Canadian companies diversify internationally.

The Government of Canada, through ACOA, is pleased to once again support FIN Atlantic International Film Festival, a diverse exchange of imaginative visions, and a global partnership forum.

I’m confident that FIN Atlantic International Film Festival 2018 will more than live up to its advance billing.

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for ACOA

**Partners Guide:**

Welcome to FIN Partners 2018!

FIN Atlantic International Film Festival is an eight-day celebration of cinema, media and musical creativity. FIN Partners is the backstory: a networking venue where deals are made and production roadmaps laid.

Every film is a combination of dream and drive…the initial inspiration of “What if?” followed by the reality of “But how?” FIN Partners is about getting the dream done. A plan hatched at this year’s FIN Partners conference might well become a film screened at a future festival. For example, *The Grand Seduction* began as a Partners’ conversation—and later the film opened the 2013 Festival.

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FIN Partners is training a two-year spotlight on co-production opportunities in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the United States. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I extend a special welcome to delegates from these and all other regions.

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