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***“When I Walk”* by Jason DaSilva opens the RIDM’s 2014 Docville series**



Montreal, Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – The **Montreal International Documentary Festival’s (RIDM)** Docville series launches its third year of monthly screenings with *When I Walk*, winner of the award for Best Canadian Film at last year’s Hot Docs, in which young filmmaker **Jason DaSilva** documents his tenacious battle with multiple sclerosis.

Since 2012, the RIDM has brought together documentary lovers on the last Thursday of every month, starting in January, at Cinéma Excentris. The **Docville** series gives audiences a chance to see the Montreal premiere of excellent documentaries that have enjoyed recent success at the world’s most prestigious festivals. In many cases, a Docville screening is the only chance to see the film on a big screen in Montreal, and the filmmakers often make themselves available for audience Q&A sessions.

The first Docville screening in 2014 will be *When I Walk* by Canadian director Jason DaSilva. The documentary will have its Quebec premiere on **Thursday, January 30 at 8 p.m.** at Cinéma Excentris, followed by a videoconference Q&A with the director.

At the age of 25, **Jason DaSilva** was on a beach with his family when he suddenly realized he couldn’t walk. Suffering severe multiple sclerosis, Jason turned to his passion: art and cinema. With courage and determination, for seven years he filmed his own body’s deterioration and his struggle to live a dignified and meaningful life. *When I Walk* is an ambitious, poignant diary that has been shown at several festivals, including Sundance and the Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF), where it won the audience award.

WHEN I WALK

Directed by Jason DaSilva. Canada, United States, 2013, 85 min. In the original English.

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iX-sngNJlxU>

Official website: <http://wheniwalk.com/>

Tickets for all Docville screenings are available from the Excentris box office and website (cinemaexcentris.com). Single screenings cost \$11.75 or \$9.25 for students and seniors. Transferable seven-admission cards are available for \$50 from the Excentris box office. The Docville series is presented by Télé-Québec and Canal D.

Upcoming Docville screenings:

- Thursday, February 27: ***Master of the Universe*** (Marc Bauder)
- Thursday, March 27: ***Jodorowsky's Dune*** (Frank Pavich)

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