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KINGSTON CANADIAN FILM FESTIVAL WRAPS TENTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Attendance up by 20% at this year's events

Kingston – The Kingston Canadian Film Festival wrapped its tenth anniversary festival with a free screening of Ken Scott's *LES DOIGTS CROCHES*. The closing screening concluded a successful event that saw a 20% increase in attendance over last year.

The festival began with the sold-out opener *COOKING WITH STELLA*. John Gerretsen, MPP - Kingston and the Islands, presented the festival with a plaque to commemorate the tenth anniversary and director Dilip Mehta and producer David Hamilton introduced the film. Short film *RUBY CAN'T FAIL* preceded the feature. It was created by the winners of last year's '10 Years 10 Minutes Award', which saw KCFE award a promising project with funding and mentorship. *RUBY CAN'T FAIL* also played at the closing screening, with a Q&A by the filmmakers following.

CARRY ON SERGEANT played to a packed house on Saturday March 6 at The Grand Theatre. The silent film presentation was the marquee event of the 10th anniversary celebrations. Pianist William O'Meara accompanied the film with an improvised score that brought the crowd to their feet for a standing ovation as the credits ran.

The People Choice Award went to *THE TROTSKY*, a comedy starring Jay Baruchel as a teenager convinced he is the reincarnation of Leon Trotsky and leads his high school in a revolution.

The Kingston Canadian Film Festival is presented by The Kingston Whig-Standard and Cogeco, operates in partnership with the Toronto International Film Festival Group, and receives funding from the Ontario Arts Council, The Ontario Trillium Foundation, and the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund.

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