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## **Cannes Film Festival to screen Yukon short film**

WHITEHORSE—Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon is congratulating Yukon filmmaker Moira Sauer on creating a Yukon short film that will grace the screen at the Cannes Film Festival May 15 to 26.

"The Cannes Film Festival is one of the largest and most prestigious film markets in the world," Dixon said. "The Yukon Film & Sound Commission is proud to support Yukon filmmakers and Moira's success is an example of what is possible when we highlight and promote the work of Yukoners."

Sauer's short film, *The Provider*, has been selected to be part of the third edition of Telefilm Canada's 'Not Short on Talent' at the Cannes Film Festival. This initiative is designed to increase the international sales of new short films and to promote Canadian talents to accredited buyers and international festival programmers at the Cannes Film Market in France. This year, 44 Canadian short films have been selected for screening.

A new filmmaker, Sauer was introduced to the medium through the Yukon Film & Sound Commission's funded training initiative—Cold Snap—delivered in 2011 in partnership with the Northern Film and Video Industry Association. *The Provider* was the film she created during the 48-hour film experience. It won the Audience Choice award at that event and went on to screen at the Tromsø International Film Festival in Norway.

"This is definitely my 'once in a lifetime' opportunity and I feel utterly fortunate," Sauer said. "I have to thank my rock solid posse because there is no doubt that without them this project would never have happened."

Sauer's is not the first Yukon Film & Sound Commission-supported short film to screen at Cannes. In 2008, Yukon filmmaker Paul Davis's short film, *-40C*, which received support from the Yukon Filmmakers Fund, was screened.

For more information about short films at the Cannes Film Festival visit Short Film Corner.

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