

# Omada

**Phil COMEAU**

Director, screenwriter

## Documentaries

- 2022 **THE SECRET ORDER** (Docu-fiction feature) - Director, screenwriter, researcher, narrator - *NFB/Unis TV*
- World premiere, 36<sup>th</sup> FICFA Festival (Moncton)
  - Audience award, 36<sup>th</sup> FICFA Festival (Moncton)
- 2019 **BELLE-ÎLE EN ACADIE** (Short film) - Director, screenwriter
- Finalist, RÉAL Award, documentary work 2020-2021
  - Most reward Canadian documentary, World Guinness Records 2022
  - More than 300 awards across the world: Canada, USA, France, England, Spain, Italy, Germany, Israel, Poland, Sweden, Czech, Turkey, Japan, Singapore, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Venezuela, Argentina, Australia
- 2018 **VAGUE D'ACADIE** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *Connections Productions/Radio-Canada*
- First prize, best documentary behind the music scenes, American Music Tracks Awards (Los Angeles) 2019
  - Nomination, best documentary series or program: arts and culture, Gémeaux Awards 2019
  - Other nominations and screenings: Festival International ARFF (Paris), South Film & Arts Academy Festival (Rancagua, Chile), Festival la Vache et le Caribou (Verneuil, Normandie), Festival des cultures francophones à Marennes et à Royan (Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France)
- 2016 **ZACHARY RICHARD, TOUJOURS BATAILLEUR** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *Bellefeuille Production/TV5 Monde/Radio-Canada*
- 29 official selections, including 15 awards
  - Nomination, best directing, Gémeaux Awards 2017
  - Nomination, best script, Gémeaux Awards 2017
  - Screened at the United Nations (Geneva, Switzerland)
  - Audience award, 30<sup>th</sup> festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie
  - Best feature film, 30<sup>th</sup> festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie
  - Best Canadian or international documentary, 17<sup>th</sup> Silver Wave Film Festival
  - Audience award, Radio-Canada Acadie
  - Grand prize Director's Choice, 12<sup>th</sup> Cinema on the Bayou Festival (USA)
  - Exceptional merit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Docs Without Borders Film Festival
  - Human Spirit Award, 3<sup>rd</sup> Docs Without Borders Film Festival
  - Merit award, 15<sup>th</sup> accolade global film competition
  - Artist with the most distinguished career outside Acadia, 20<sup>th</sup> Eloize Awards
  - City of Dieppe award, 5<sup>th</sup> festival du film canadien de Dieppe
  - 2 excellence awards: best production, best sound design, Oniros Film Awards

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- Golden World award, 6<sup>th</sup> World Film Awards (Bali, Indonesia)
- Platinum award, 4<sup>th</sup> Documentary Directors Awards (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- Best feature documentary, 16<sup>th</sup> South Film and Arts Academy Festival (Rancagua, Chile)

2016

**BELLE-ÎLE-EN-MER, ÎLE BRETONNE ET ACADIENNE** (Short film) - Director, screenwriter - *Productions Ciné-Baie/TV5 Monde/Radio-Canada*

- 56 official selections, including 26 awards:
- Diamond award, best foreign language documentary, 5<sup>th</sup> Directors Awards (Bali, Indonesia)
- Best short documentary, 4<sup>th</sup> ARFF (Paris)
- Best documentary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largo Film Awards (Lausanne, Switzerland)
- Best documentary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Short-Cut Cinefest (Bucharest, Romania)
- Best short documentary, 7<sup>th</sup> South Cinematographic Academy Film & Arts (Rancagua, Chile)
- Best short film, 30<sup>th</sup> festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie
- Platinum Remi Award, culture, 50<sup>th</sup> WorldFest (Houston, USA)
- Merit award, Canada Short Film Fest
- Excellence award, documentary short, script, directing, 7<sup>th</sup> Best Shorts Competition (San Diego, USA)
- Audience award, Radio-Canada Acadie
- Artist with the most distinguished career outside Acadia, 20<sup>th</sup> Eloize Awards
- Honorable mention, 2<sup>nd</sup> Formosa Festival of International Filmmaker Awards (Taichung, Taiwan)
- Honorable mention, 12<sup>th</sup> Cinema on the Bayou Festival
- Honorable mention, 6<sup>th</sup> Headline International Film Festival
- Best photo short, 7<sup>th</sup> South Cinematographic Academy Film & Arts (Rancagua, Chile)
- Best photo documentary, 7<sup>th</sup> Southampton International Film Festival (England)
- 8 excellence awards: best short documentary, directing, screenwriter, cinematography, sound, music, editing, and production, 3<sup>rd</sup> Southern Shorts Awards (Roswell, USA)

2015

**J'HABITE ICI AU BORD DE L'EAU** - Director - 2 x 60 min. - *Productions Léa Pascal/Unis TV*

2014

**RON TURCOTTE, JOCKEY LÉGENDAIRE** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *ONF/Télé-Québec/Radio-Canada/TV5 Monde/Doc Channel*

- Nomination, best biographical documentary, Géméaux Awards 2015
- Nomination, best Canadian documentary, DGC Awards 2014
- Best film, 30<sup>th</sup> festival international du film (Palermo, Italy)
- Grand Jury award, Director's Choice, 9<sup>th</sup> Cinema on the Bayou Festival
- Audience award, 25<sup>th</sup> festival international du film Cinéfest

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- 2013 **FRÉDÉRIC BACK, GRANDEUR NATURE** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *Phare-Est Média/ARTV/Radio-Canada/RDI/TFO/TV5 Monde*
- Nomination, best biographical documentary, Géméaux Awards 2013
  - Special screening, Festival d'Annecy (France)
  - Audience award, 31<sup>th</sup> festival international des films sur l'art
  - Audience award, 26<sup>th</sup> festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie
  - Audience award, 9<sup>th</sup> Cinema on the Bayou Festival
- 2011 **LES ACADIENS DU QUÉBEC AVEC FRED PELLERIN** - Director, screenwriter - 2 x 60 min. and website - *CinImage Productions/Radio-Canada/RDI/TV5*
- 4 national broadcasts
- 2009 **LA NATURE AVANT TOUT (TRÉSORS VIVANTS)** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Productions Phare-Est/Radio-Canada*
- Nomination, best portrait documentary, Géméaux Awards 2009
  - Audience award, 6<sup>th</sup> festival de films de Portneuf sur l'environnement
  - Jury special mention, 6<sup>th</sup> festival de films de Portneuf sur l'environnement
- 2008 **STUNT STARS** - Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *CMJ Productions/E!*
- 2007 **LES HÉROS DE LA PEUR (RISK TAKERS)** - Director, screenwriter - 3 x 60 min. - *CMJ Productions/Planète/Canal D/Discovery HD/Global*
- 2003 **LES COULEURS DE MON ACCENT** - Director, screenwriter - 2 x 60 min. - *Bellefeuille Production/Production Rivard/Groupe ECP/Radio-Canada/TV5*
- 2002 **TAIL SHIP CHRONICLES** - Director - 2 x 60 min. - *Top Sail Entertainment/Life Network/Travel*
- 1999 **QUELLE AVENTURE !** - Director, screenwriter - 2 x 60 min. - *Productions Espace Vert/Canal D/Discovery Channel*
- 1995 **LES NOUVEAUX DÉTECTIVES** (Pilot) - Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *New Dominion Pictures/Discovery Channel*
- Best series, Omni Intermedia Awards
  - Best series, Aurora
  - Best series, Telly
- 1993-1992 **ARCHÉOLOGIE** - Director, screenwriter - 8 x 30 min. - *Production du Quai 24/New Dominion Pictures/Learning Channel*
- Best series, Cable Ace Awards
  - Best series, FilmWorld Fest
- 1993 **PALEOWORLD** - Director - 3 x 30 min. - *New Dominion Pictures/Learning Channel*
- Meilleure série, CINE Golden Eagle
- 1992 **THE ART OF THE STREET PERFORMER** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Citadel Films/Great Circle Pictures*
- 1991 **AU MITAN DES ÎLES** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Production Phare-Est/ONF/Radio-Canada*
- 1990 **MÉTÉO DE LA MER** - Screenwriter - 8 x 10 min. - *Citadel Films/MITV*
- 1984 **LA MUSIQUE NOUS EXPLIQUE** - Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *Production L. Leblanc/ONF/Radio-Canada*

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- Excellence award, 1<sup>st</sup> Festival des films de l'Atlantique
- 1983 **À L'IMAGE DE LA MER** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - ONF
- 1982 **J'AVIONS 375 ANS** - Director, screenwriter - 50 min. - ONF/Radio-Canada
- 1981 **NOTRE CÔTE ACADIENNE** - Director - 4 x 30 min. - Productions Ciné-Baie/MITV
- 1979 **LA MER ENLIGNE NOS TERRES** - Director, screenwriter - 3 min. - ONF/Radio-Canada
  
- Fiction
- 2020 **LE TRÉSOR DES HÉRITIERS** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *Bellefeuille Production Ltée*
- 2019 **LES GOSSIPEUSES** (TV series) - Director, screenwriter - 10 x 30 min. - *Bellefeuille Production Ltée*
- 2016 **COUSINS, COUSINES DE LA LOUISIANE** (Webseries) - Director, screenwriter - 6 short films
- 2015 **LE TRIANGLE DES BERMUDES - MONSTRES DE LA MER** (Docu-fiction) - Director - 2 x 60 min. - *Productions Handel/Arrowhead/National Geographic/Canal D/Discovery*
- 2006 **LA SAGOINE** - Director, screenwriter - 12 x 30 min. - *Connections Productions/Radio-Canada/TV5*
  - Audience favourite, 12<sup>th</sup> festival des créations télévisuelles (Luchon, France)
  - Tribute award to actress Viola Léger, 12<sup>th</sup> festival des créations télévisuelles (Luchon, France)
- 2005 **MAYDAY** (Docu-fiction) - Director, screenwriter - 4 x 60 min. - *Galaxie Productions/Cinéflix/France 5/National Geographic/Canal D/Discovery/Channel 5*
  - Broadcasts in 66 countries
- 2004 **LE CRASH DU SIÈCLE** (Docu-fiction TV movie) - Director, screenwriter - *Galaxie Productions/Cinéflix/M6/Canal D/PBS*
  - Broadcast in 21 countries
- 2002-2000 **TRIBU.COM I, II** - Director - 13 x 60 min. - *Sovimage/TVA*
  - 2 nominations, Gémeaux Awards 2002 (season 2)
  - 2 nominations, Gémeaux Awards 2001 (season 1)
- 2001 **CHOPIN : FRÉDÉRIC & GEORGE SAND** (Docu-fiction) - Director - 60 min. - *Ciné Qua Non Films/Radio-Canada/ARTE/A&E/Bravo!*
  - 2 nominations, Gémeaux Awards 2001
- 2000 **BERNARD & CHARLES** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Citadel Films/MITV*
- 1999-1998 **PIT PONY** - Director - 6 x 30 min. - *Cochran Entertainment/CBC/Radio-Canada*
  - Best series, Young Artist Awards (Los Angeles) 2000
  - 2 nominations, Gemini Awards 1999
- 1998 **TEEN KNIGHT** (TV movie) - Director - *Kushner-Locke/Chesler-Perlmutter/Castel Films/Disney Channel*
- 1997 **ÉMILIE DE LA NOUVELLE-LUNE** - Director - 60 min. - *Salter Street/Cinar Productions/CBC/Radio-Canada*
  - Best series, Alliance for Children and Television Awards 1998
  - 3 Gemini Awards
- 1996 **LASSIE** - Director - 2 x 30 min. - *PolyGram Film/Cinar Productions/YTV/Radio-Canada*

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- Best series, Parents Choice Awards
  - Best series, Charleston FilmFest
- 1994     **LE SECRET DE JÉRÔME** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *Ciné-Groupe/Citadel Films/TVA Films Distribution*
- 15 awards, screened at UNESCO (Paris)
  - 6 audience awards: Namur (Belgium), Sarlat (France), Charleston (USA), Halifax, Moncton, Baie-Comeau
  - 5 awards including best debut, Namur (Belgium), Philadelphia, Houston, Nouvelle-Orléans, San José (USA)
  - 2 nominations, Genie Awards 1994
  - Digitized in 2014 by *Éléphant Mémoire du cinéma*, a collection of the best French-Canadian films
- 1990     **UN PASSAGE DIFFICILE** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Citadel Films/MITV*
- 1987     **TRANSIT 30-50** - Director, screenwriter - 2 x 30 min. - *ONF/Productions du 7 avril/TFO*
- 1986     **RHUME** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Cochran Entertainment/MITV*
- 1985     **LE TAPIS DE GRAND-PRÉ** - Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Productions Via le Monde/Radio-Québec/Télé-Québec/Antenne 2/TFO*
- Excellence award, Festival des films de l'Atlantique
  - Excellence award, Festival du cinéma des 1<sup>er</sup> jeux de la francophonie (Morocco)
- 1982     **TOUCHONS DU BOIS** (Docu-fiction) - Director - 3 x 30 min. - *SDA Productions/CHAU-TV*
- 1978     **LES GOSSIPEUSES** - Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *ONF/Radio-Canada*
- 1977     **LA CABANE** - Director, screenwriter - 50 min. - *ONF/Radio-Canada*
- Others
- 2016     **CE MÉDAILLON** (Music video) - Zachary Richard - Director - *Bellefeuille Production/Musique Plus/iTunes/Deezer/Spotify*
- 1990-1988     **\*50 FILMS PUBLICITAIRES** - Director, co-screenwriter - *Citadel Communications*

## Official selections

In more than 100 festivals including in: Russia (Moscow), China (Shanghai), Spain (Barcelona), England (London & Southampton), Scotland (Glasgow), Belgium (Brussels, Anvers & Beverin), France (Nice, Grois, Blois, Lorient, Florac, Saulieu, Courseulles-sur-Mer), Italy (Venice, Aoste & Syracuse), Switzerland (Bern), Ukraine (Mariupol), Romania (Bucharest, Zlatna & Baia Mare), Croatia (Zagreb), Greece (Epirus), Israel (Nazareth), Lebanon (Beyruth), Nigeria (Lagos), Indonesia (Bogor), Peru (Lima), Venezuela (Pampatar & Puerto La Cruz), Mexico (Cuernavaca & Oaxaca), Canada (Toronto, Yorkton, Québec, Percé, Sherbrooke & Charlottetown), USA (Washington DC, Kansas City, Honolulu, Anaheim, Los Angeles & Palm Springs).

## Distinctions & Recognition

- 2020     **MÉDAILLE LÉGER-COMEAU** - *La Société Nationale de l'Acadie* - Highest distinction offered by the Acadians

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- 2018 **ELOIZE AWARD** - Artist with the most distinguished career outside Acadia
- 2018 **AUDIENCE AWARD** - Artist of the year - *Radio-Canada Acadie*
- 2018 **PRESIDENT AWARD & HONORARY MEMBER** - Richelieu International
- 2017 **UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA** - Screening of « Zachary Richard, toujours batailleur »
- 2017 **CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA** - *Historica Canada*, inclusion of his biography
- 2016 **2016 CULTURAL PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR** - *Radio-Canada/Acadie-Nouvelle*
- 2015 **FRANCE-ACADIE AWARD** - *Association France-Acadie* (Paris)
- 2014 **PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH** - *Radio-Canada/Acadie-Nouvelle*
- 2014 **MERIT CERTIFICATE** - *Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse*
- 2014 **ACADIE-QUÉBEC AWARD** - *Bureau du Québec en Atlantique/Société nationale de l'Acadie*
  
- 2000 **CANADIAN WHO'S WHO** - Inclusion of his biography in their publication
- 1999 **MERITAS AWARD** - *Fédération acadienne du Québec*
- 1997 **GRAND-PRÉ AWARD** - *Ministre de la Culture de la Nouvelle-Écosse*
- 1995 **CHAMPION AWARD** - *Fédération culturelle canadienne française*
- 1995 **UNESCO, PARIS** - Screening of « Le secret de Jérôme »

Many years as "cultural favourite" in *Acadie-Nouvelle*

## Orders

- 2018 **PLÉIADE ORDER** - *Assemblée des parlementaires de la francophonie (OIF)*
- 2016 **NEW-BRUNSWICK ORDER** - *New-Brunswick government*
- 2010 **ORDRE OF CANADA** - *Rideau Hall*
- 2007 **ORDRE OF FRANCOPHONES OF AMERICA** - *Quebec National Assembly*
- 2006 **ARTS AND LETTERS ORDER** - *France Cultural Minister*

## Honoric Doctorates

- 2013 **MONCTON UNIVERSITY**
- 2007 **SAINTE-ANNE UNIVERSITY**

## Opening Films

- 3 opening films - *Festival FICFA, Moncton* - Théâtre Capitol (800 seats)
- 2 opening films - *Cinema on the Bayou Festival, Louisiana* - Center for the Arts
- 6-film retrospective - *Cinema on the Bayou Festival, Louisiana 2014*
- Opening film - *Universal Film Festival, Kansas City*

## Jury - Festivals

Festival international du film sur l'art à Montréal (FIFA), Festival des Rendez-vous du cinéma québécois à Montréal (RVQC), Festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie à Moncton (FICFA), Festival Panafricain du cinéma de Ouagadougou au Burkina Faso (FESPACO), jury president of the 10th Festival international du cinéma de Percé (Les Percéides).

## Jury - Industry

Since 2006 **DGC AWARDS**

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Since 1992	<b>GÉMEAUX AWARDS</b> - 4-time Jury president
Since 1990	<b>GENIE AWARDS</b>
2015	<b>TV5 - RVQC AWARDS</b>
2015-2006	<b>JUTRA AWARDS</b>
2010-1995	<b>GEMINI AWARDS</b>
Autres	<b>CONSEIL DES ARTS DU CANADA &amp; NEW-BRUNSWICK COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS</b>

## TV Broadcasters

75 networks in 200 countries

*International networks:* TV5 Monde (198 countries), National Geographic Channel (170 countries), Discovery (166 countries), Netflix (132 countries), iTunes (149 countries), Fox - Latin America (33 countries), Alarabiya - Arab countries (22 countries).

France:	M6, France 5, France 2, La Première Outre-mer, Arte, Planète, TV5 Monde Europe
USA:	PBS, A&E, National Geographic Channel, Discovery Channel, Learning Channel, History, Animal Planet, Fox, Disney Channel, This TV, Vision TV, Encore, Smithsonian Network
Belgium:	RTBF
England:	BBC, Five, Travel, RTE Two, B Sky B
Australia:	Seven Network, 7TWO
New Zealand:	Prime, TVNZ, Golden West
South Africa:	DStv
Hong Kong:	Channel 218
Germany:	RTL, Vox, N-TV, N24, Arte
Russia:	Channel One
Netherlands:	RTL 7, SBS 6, Holland Media Group
Sweden:	TV4
Romania:	DVB-C
Norway:	Viasat 4
Greece:	Makedonia TV, Nova
Poland:	TVN, Cyfra Plus
Czech Republic:	TV-CT1 (54)
China:	Shanghai Media Group
Israel:	HOT
Turkey:	Digiturk
Latvia:	Lattlecom
Thailand:	ThaiPBS
Vietnam:	VTC
India:	Airtel Digital TV
Indonesia:	Indovision

Many of his films have been broadcasted on the Air Canada and Via Rail Canada entertainment circuits

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*French-Canadian networks:* Radio-Canada, TVA, UNIS TV, TV5 Québec-Canada, RDI, ARTV, Canal D, TFO, Télé-Québec, Super Écran, Séries +

*English-Canadian networks:* CBC, CTV, YTV, TVO, Global, Bravo!, E!, Life, Discovery, Documentary Channel, The Movie Network, National Geographic.

## Literary publications

- 2014      **L'ACADIE HIER ET AUJOURD'HUI** - Éditor in chief, co-director, co-author - 500 pages  
- *Éditions La Grande Marée/Andrepoint Publishing*  
- Literary award, French-Canadian bestseller, France-Acadie 2015
- 1982      **ELOIZES** (Poetry) - *Éditions Association des écrivains*
- 1982      **LE PARLER ACADJONNE** (Dictionary) - 1000 words - *Éditions Lescarbott*
- 1980      **PLUMES D'ICITTE** (Poetry) - *Éditions Lescarbott*
- 1978      **LES GOSSIPEUSES** (Script) - *Éditions Lescarbott*

## Articles

L'Actualité (Montreal), Liaison (Ottawa), web Encyclopedia (Ottawa), university review La jaunisse (called Le Front today, Moncton University)

## Film workshops, education & conferences

*Consultation and film workshops:* in New-Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Poitou (France) high schools

Many of his films are part of school curriculums in the maritime provinces, as well as in school in France, Switzerland and Russia.

*Conferences and presentations on Avadian World Diaspora:* Canada (Montreal, Bonaventure, Carleton-sur-mer, Pointe-à-la-Croix, Saint-Liguori, Dieppe/Moncton, Shédiac, Bouctouche, Caraquet, Halifax/Dartmouth, Pointe-de-l'Église, Charlottetown), Louisiana (Lafayette), France (Paris, Loudun, Belle-Île-en-Mer).

He has also spoken about the subject at many film festival in Canada, USA, Europe and the Middle East

## Professional Associations - Film & TV

### *Board Member*

- Since 2017      **FRIC** (Front des réalisateurs indépendants du Canada) - National president
- Since 2012      **OBSDOC** (Observatoire du documentaire du Canada) - Board member
- AAAPNB** (Association acadienne artistes professionnel.le.s du Nouveau-Brunswick) -  
Board member, arts representative

### *Membre of other associations*

- 2014-2012      **DGC** (Director's Guild of Canada, francophone department) - Board member

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2013-2009 **ACCT** (Académie canadienne du cinéma et de la télévision, francophone department)  
- Board member

1995-1993 **ARRQ** (Association des réalisateurs et réalisatrices du Québec) - Board member

**SARTEC** (Société des auteurs de radio, télévision et cinéma - screenwriting)

**SACD** (Société des auteurs et compositeurs dramatiques - dramas)

**SCAM** (Société civile des auteurs multimédia - documentaries)

**DRCC** (Directors Rights Collective of Canada - DGC)

**DOC** (Documentaristes du Canada, francophone department)

**APLP** (Les artistes pour la paix)

## *Member of committees*

Phil has participated in many committees in the field of the arts including:

New-Brunswick arts advising committee - *Ministère du Tourisme, Patrimoine et de la Culture du Nouveau Brunswick*

SPAASI arts advising committee - *Stratégie de promotion des artistes acadiens sur la scène internationale (SNA)*