Canada Days at the University of Missouri, 2016

Workshop: STRATFORD FESTIVAL: STAGE COMBAT
Monday, February 29, 3:30 PM, Jesse Wrench Auditorium, Memorial Union
Actors from the world-renowned Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario, demonstrate their craft in this practical workshop. Discussion may include the Stratford Festival and its place in society and theatre history as well as Shakespeare and his influence on the 400th anniversary of his death.

Presentation: “Why Canada Matters to Missouri and Missouri Business”
Tuesday, March 1st, 3:30 PM, Bush Auditorium, Cornell Hall
Canada and the United States share the world’s largest and most comprehensive trade relationship, supporting millions of jobs in each country. Canada is Missouri’s #1 customer, buying more goods from the state than its next four largest foreign markets combined. 163,800 jobs in Missouri depend on Canada-US trade and investment. Don’t miss this opportunity to discuss the strong economic ties between Canada, Missouri and the US with Consul General of Canada, Dr. Roy Norton, representing Canada in Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and Northwest Indiana.

Film: OUR MAN IN TEHRAN
Tuesday, March 1st, 6:30 PM, Middlebush 12
OUR MAN IN TEHRAN is an in-depth, intimate exploration of the true story behind Ben Affleck’s Oscar-winning film ARGO. In this gripping new documentary, the story of the “Canadian Caper” is told by the man who knows it best: Ken Taylor, Canada’s former ambassador to Iran, who hid the six Americans in his official residence and obtained the counterfeit documents that allowed them to make their dramatic escape from Tehran. Based on Robert Wright’s book, the film uncovers new information and adds valuable context, including an historical overview of Iran, interviews with the rescued Americans, former Prime Minister Joe Clark, ex-CIA officer Tony Mendez, and many others. Post film discussion with Canadian Consul General Roy Norton.

Discussion: COFFEE AND CANADA
Wednesday, March 2nd, 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Professional 104
An informal conversation with Colleen Duke, Public Affairs Officer, Consulate General of Canada, Chicago, presents opportunities for research, travel, and study in Canada. Faculty and students should drop by anytime during the hour, and Colleen will provide academic and cultural information about Canada and the study of Canada.

Film: FELIX AND MEIRA
Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:30 PM, Middlebush 12
The story of an unconventional romance between two people living vastly different lives mere blocks away from one another. Meira, a young Hasidic housewife and mother, and Félix, a man lost in mourning the recent death of his father, unexpectedly meet at a local bakery in Montreal’s Mile End district. What starts as an innocent friendship becomes more serious as the two wayward strangers find comfort in one another. As Felix opens Meira’s eyes to the world outside of her tight-knit Orthodox community, her desire for change becomes harder for her to ignore, ultimately forcing her to choose: remain in the life that she has always known or give it all up to be with Félix. The film was Canada’s entry to this year’s Oscar Awards and a winner at the Toronto International Film Festival.

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