



Catalog

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Picbois Productions is a production company that creates impact with daring projects. Its projects stand out for the quality of their content, their distinctive artistic signature and the innovative promotional strategies that invariably make projects shine, winning local and international recognition and awards.

Founded in 2010, the company has produced over 30 documentary projects broadcasted on Télé-Québec, TV5-Unis, Radio-Canada (RDI, Mordu, OHdio), Bell Media (Crave, Canal D), Historia and Savoir média.

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Films



The Battle of Saint-Leonard

History / Language / Identity

An unprecedented language crisis unfolded in the heart of the town of Saint-Leonard in 1968–1969. French-speaking parents demanded French-only schools, while members of the Italian community wanted to preserve bilingual schools. The conflict spread throughout Québec, creating enormous tensions that degenerated into violence and culminated in a bloody riot. *The Battle of Saint-Leonard* tells the story of Raymond Lemieux and Mario Barone, two remarkable yet forgotten men of modest origins, who each fought with strength and conviction, despite the heavy consequences to themselves, their families, and their professional lives. Their struggle changed the destiny of Québec and led to the adoption of the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101).



Genre: Feature film / Documentary

Duration: 108 min

Year: 2024

Broadcaster: TVA

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Félix Rose



Winter Harvest

Winter / Agriculture / Pionneers

Growing vegetables in the heart of our long winters? Such is the feat a few determined local organic growers have taken on. *Winter Harvest* showcases three farms where spinach, celery, kale and other cold-loving vegetables grow. A well-known figure in this movement, Jean-Martin Fortier, is categorical: the current context very much favors winter agriculture! Everyday, the pioneers of the Ferme des Quatre-Temps, the Jardin des Funambules and the Ferme Chapeau Melon are making new discoveries and advancing knowledge in this new field of agriculture, making it more and more attainable!



Genre: Medium-length film / Documentary

Duration: 52 min

Year: 2023

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Amélie Dussault



Essential

Immigration / Investigation / Temporary Workers

By telling the reality of asylum seekers and temporary workers in precarious jobs, the investigative documentary *Essential* reveals their vulnerability while exposing our dependence on their services. These people feed us and take care of us at low cost and in difficult conditions. This shocking film aims to make us aware of the fact that several sectors of our society are dependent on an immigrant labor force deprived of the opportunity to experience the slightest social ascent and living in hopes that their sacrifices will allow their loved ones to live better lives. Are we aware that our comfort rests on the labor of these humans who serve us?



Genre: Medium-length film / Documentary

Duration: 52 min

Year: 2023

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Ky Vy Le Duc



Alone

Immigration / Integration / Refugees

Scared for their lives, Afshin, Alain and Patricia left their home countries, alone. As unaccompanied minors, they had to start over in Canada, in hopes to live a better life. Mixing real-life footage and animated sequences, *Alone* is a tribute to hope: how can a child manage to reinvent himself in a new country, after having left everything behind, even his parents?



Genre: Feature film / Documentary

Duration: 82 min (TV & theatres) / 52 min (institutions)

Year: 2021

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Paul Tom



9/11 and Me

Variety / Art / Identity / History

In an intimate atmosphere, artists talk about their "before" and "after" 9/11. They deliver humor, song, music, slam and dance performances linked to the event. Through them, we discover the impact of the events on an entire generation, particularly children of Arab origin. A hybrid of documentary and variety, the series is a mix of confidence and reflection, between laughter and emotion.



Genre: Medium-length film & Short-form series / Documentary and Variety

Duration: 6 X 10 min / 52 min

Year: 2021

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Director: Chloë Mercier



Breaking the Code

Discrimination / Racism / Identity / Dialogue

Breaking the Code reveals how BIPOC people have come to adopt attitudes and behaviors to blend in with the Quebec majority without disturbing it. To avoid being discriminated against, they consciously or unconsciously adopt this code, which ends up being a heavy burden to bear. By following Fabrice Vil, Sonia Djelidi, André Ho and Alexandre Vollant, we become aware of the code that has prevented them from living their identity to the full, and seek to break it in order to speak frankly about the issues surrounding racism and open up a dialogue.



Genre: Medium-length film / Documentary

Duration: 52 min

Year: 2020

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Nicolas Houde-Sauvé



Traffic

Sexual Exploitation / Infiltration / Investigation

Traffic is a documentary investigation that plunges viewers into the inner workings of the world of sexual exploitation of young girls. Thanks to unprecedented access, the team paints a portrait of a little-known world. The investigation quickly turns to the customer, as the whole industry exists to meet their needs. An ex-pimp, an ex-trafficker, a youth center educator, psychologists, investigators from the Sexual Exploitation Squad and a strip club owner all contribute in their own way to our understanding of this world.



Genre: Medium-length film / Documentary

Duration: 52 min

Year: 2019

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Director: Catherine Proulx



A Place for Them

Education / Perseverance / Incursion

A Place for Them takes us inside the walls of the Saint-François school in Quebec City, alongside the teachers and educators who work with children with severe learning and behavioral difficulties. Amid the chaos of the school's repeated crises and outbursts, a close-knit team celebrates each small victory, the fruit of their perseverance. A luminous film about a school like no other.



Genre: Medium-length film / Documentary

Duration: 52 min

Year: 2019

Broadcaster: Unis TV

Version: French

Director: Sabrina Hammoum



Baggage

Immigration / Integration / Education

Baggage opens the stage and turns the spotlight on newly arrived teenage immigrants studying at Paul-Gérin-Lajoie-d'Outremont High School in Montréal. Through drama workshops, theatre production and deeply personal interviews, the film gives voice to their stories of immigration and integration. Their accounts move between an "elsewhere" and a "before" to become a "here and now". With a wisdom well beyond their years that will leave no one unmoved, these students share poignant narratives about their journeys with compelling emotion and a disarming level of authenticity.



Genre: Medium-length film / Documentary

Duration: 52 min

Year: 2017

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Paul Tom

Series



Sisters United

Women / Community / International

Sisters United is a documentary series that meets groups of courageous and determined women from all over the world who have chosen to shake things up to shape a brighter future in their image. Hosted by Sarahmée, a committed rapper, the series follows her personal quest amongst female citizens around the world who deeply care for their communities and take on the responsibility of creating new paths for the women of today and tomorrow.



Genre: Series / Documentary

Duration: 12 X 60 min

Year: 2023

Broadcaster: TV5 Québec Canada

Version: French

Director: Sabrina Hammoum



Revolutionary Spirits

Distillery / Microbrewery / Vineyard

Revolutionary Spirits plunges deep into the daily lives of enthusiasts who work hard to design and produce home-grown spirits. The revolution taking place in microbreweries, vineyards and microdistilleries is transforming the landscape and the lives of Quebecers. Les Grand Bois, La Bauge and La Chaufferie have embarked on this revolution, and since then, demand has exploded!



Genre: Series / Documentary

Duration: 10 X 30 min

Year: 2023

Broadcaster: Historia

Version: French

Director: Nicolas Houde-Sauvé



Fire Investigators

Investigation / Field / Profession

When everything has burned down and the devastation of a fire has been done, the work of the fire investigators begins. The team pulls out all the stops to determine the origin of the fires and find answers that will help the victims get through this tragedy. Discover all the secrets of fire investigation alongside our close-knit team.



Genre: Series / Documentary

Duration: 2 seasons (16 X 22 min)

Years: 2021 et 2022

Broadcaster: Canal D

Version: French

Directors: Martin Paquette & Érika Reyburn



Nomads on Wheels

Journey / Moto / Territory

Charles-Édouard, Pascal and Marie-Claude embark on a motorcycle journey to reach the Caniapiscou Reservoir, a landmark known for being the furthest from civilization, while still accessible by road in North America. This is an itinerary that very few motorcyclists have accomplished. While trying to “pause” their everyday lives and worries, they will attempt this mechanical, physical, and psychological challenge. With every kilometer travelled, our trio gets closer to the end of the road and learns to live life outside the comfort zone.



Genre: Series / Documentary

Duration: 5 X 45 min

Year: 2021

Broadcaster: Historia

Version: French

Director: Émilie Gaudet

Justice.

Justice

Justice System / Victim / Prisoner / Young Offender

Justice is a three-part documentary mini-series that paints a powerful portrait of justice as experienced by three archetypes of the justice system: the crime victim, the ex-convict and the young offender. An unprecedented access to real human stories, which confront and shake up prejudices.



Genre: Mini-series / Documentary

Duration: 3 X 52 min

Year: 2016

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Director: Catherine Proulx

Formats



Quiz Night

Quiz / Entertainment / General knowledge

Quiz Night is a general knowledge quiz inspired by the increasingly popular bar quiz nights. In a relaxed and festive atmosphere, eight teams from all over Quebec compete in an exciting tournament to win the Quiz Cup! *Quiz Night* brings the electrifying excitement of bar-based knowledge games to a wider audience.



Genre: Series / Quiz

Duration: 11 X 30 min

Year: 2024

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Directors: Benoit Giguère & Esther Fortin



Decolonizing History

History / Decolonization / Education

Decolonizing History features little-known chapters in Quebec history and sheds light on landmark events through never-before-seen archival footage and solid research. It is a first step towards better understanding, better awareness and building a collective history that includes all voices.



Genre: Short-form series / Documentary

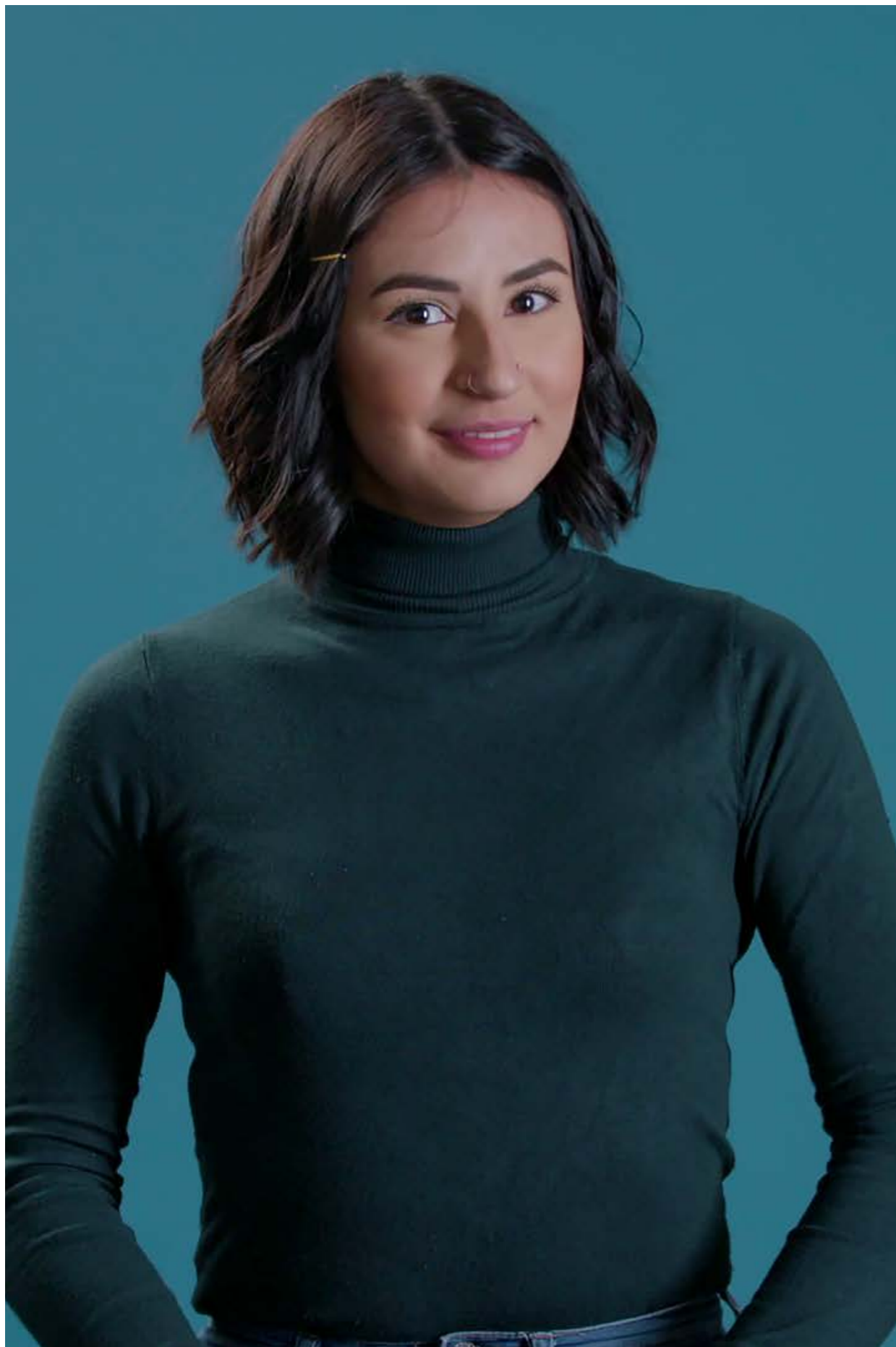
Duration: 2 seasons (20 X 10 min)

Years: 2021 & 2023

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Directors: Ky Vy Le Duc (season 1) & Francis Papillon (season 2)



Breaking the Code: The Glossary

Racism / Diversity / Living together

Breaking The Code - The Glossary is comprised of 10 short videos aimed at defining terms associated with racism and BIPOC issues, allowing for a more constructive dialogue around those matters in the public spheres. In a playful and simplified way, each video defines a specific term or concept, such as racial profiling, systemic racism or white privilege. Before being able to debate constructively, understanding basic notions surrounding an issue is always key!



Watch an episode

Genre: Short-form series / Documentary

Duration: 10 X 5 min

Year: 2020

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French (version with English subtitles available)

Director: Ky Vy Le Duc



The Brutes

Humor / Living together / Inclusion

Introducing *The Brutes*, two quick-witted, slightly slobbering Generation Y girls who take a funny, irreverent look at current issues. Their approach is both researched and farcical, mocking fallacious reasoning, shaking up conventions, inventing theories and debating with themselves and others, using humor as a lubricant to make people think. Come and meet these outspoken girls, who make no apologies for their existence!



Watch an episode

Genre: Short-form series / Documentary

Duration: 16 X 6 min (season 3)

Year: 2019

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Director: Emilie Mannering

Short-form Series



Battle

Street Dance / Identity / Community

Battle is a documentary series that follows street dancers in the excitement of battles in which they reveal both their talent and their personalities. In life, they face their inner struggles; on stage, they use them to create and perform. An exhilarating series, as intimate as it is spectacular.



Trailer

Genre: Short-form series / Documentary

Duration: 6 X 20 min

Year: 2024

Broadcaster: Télé-Québec

Version: French

Director: Christian Lalumière



Restaurants, After It All

restauration / entrepreneurs / révolution

A major revolution is underway in the independent restaurant sector in Quebec. *Restaurants, After It All* enters kitchens to meet chefs whose lives have been turned upside down by the pandemic... but for the better! Inspiring stories and intimate testimonials that take us behind the scenes of this industry.



Genre: Short-form series / Documentary

Duration: 6 X 20 min

Year: 2022

Broadcaster: Mordu (Radio-Canada)

Version: French

Director: Bruno Florin



Citizens of the Future

Environment / Youth / Mobilization

Citizens of the Future is a documentary webseries that gives a voice to a group of young, environmentally committed CEGEP students. Faced with the challenges of the future, they are militant, inspired, lucid and mobilized. Out of a sense of urgency to act, they meet with experts to ask the real questions.



Genre: Short-form series / Documentary

Duration: 8 X 12 min

Year: 2021

Broadcaster: savoir.media

Version: French

Director: Cyrielle Deschaud

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