

2009 FESTIVAL QUOTES!

“THANK YOU GUY! It was an amazing festival experience, one of the best I've had. Your festival has a wonderful mix of artists and I got to spend time with all of them. Truly magical.”

- Gabriel Sunday (Actor) in “My Suicide”

“The Edmonton International Film Festival was hands down the most inviting and filmmaker friendly festival I've ever been to. Everyone from the festival volunteers, to the liaisons, to Guy and Kerrie treated us like kings. It was extremely well organized. Our film looked and sounded great. The people of Edmonton aren't afraid to take a chance on independent cinema and that makes the city all the more inviting. We will definitely return.”

- Kevin M. Brennan (Producer/Actor) of “The Scenesters”

“Thank you for providing me with an amazing film festival experience. You guys set the bar incredibly high in every way. I'm always nervous about being ‘on the spot’ and handling the unpredictable Q&A after a screening of my movie, but with your (Guy Lavallee) calm guidance I felt so at ease. I felt like I was surrounded by friends who were genuinely interested in exploring the issues of my movie. Thanks for making my first trip to Canada so good. Oh, and I loved being interviewed twice on the radio.”

- Dominic Perez (Director/Writer) of “Evil Things”

“We wanted to give you (Guy Lavallee), Kerrie, Marcus, the EIFF staff, volunteers and the entire city of Edmonton a huge thank you. We had such an amazing time with you guys. Everyone treated us like kings and we met some friends and colleagues that I'm sure we'll stay in touch with from here on out. I can honestly say that I didn't meet an unkind person while we were there. Hell, even the security guard at the hotel was kind enough to tell us to keep it quiet three times before he told us to call it a night. You were amazingly generous with the hospitality and we have yet to attend a festival that treats its visiting filmmakers with such open arms. We couldn't be happier that *The Scenesters* premiere went so well in Edmonton. We got plenty of great feedback and lots of compliments from people who knew nothing about us or our film. You guys do an amazing job and we are very proud to be a part of the festival.”

- Kevin, Jeff, Todd, and Blaise - “The Scenesters”

“We just wanted to thank you so much for such a wonderful time in Edmonton! We absolutely LOVE you guys and cannot thank you enough for taking such great care of us. We had so much fun and saw so many incredible films. Thank you! We will see you soon (gonna have to do a short for next year - don't think a feature will be ready).”

- April Mullen (Director/Producer) of “Gravytrain”

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the festival this year. I look forward to the event all year and once again I was not disappointed - you hit a home run as far as I am concerned! The selection and variety of films was exceptional. The Empire location makes it so simple to maximize one's viewing possibilities. I for one am doing my part to spread the word of this incredible event to anyone who will listen. Thanks for all that you and your team do to make this festival a fantastic reality for us film buffs here in Edmonton."

- Julie Gellner (Edmonton) – Festival-goer

"I have to say it was another banner year at the EIFF. Some inspired programming with *Passenger Side*, *Best Worst Movie*, *Son of The Sunshine*, *Gravy Train*... I could go on. I have to say that there were lots of films this year I really liked. I think it was the strongest overall line up so far. Thanks for always treating myself and CJSR with so much respect. It means a lot to me personally that you embrace someone like myself who is nothing more than a fan of film. I am extremely thankful that you and Kerrie involve me in the festival to the level that you do. I genuinely love helping out and doing the Q & A's."

- Christian Zyp (Host) of CJSR's "Moving Radio"

"Guy, A real pleasure. Thank you. David Miller and I were actually talking this morning, (that's the joy of the festival circuit, traveling around the world with friends you make). I'll have to call him back and congratulate - you picked a tremendous film to honour. I'm going to try and get his film in front of every teen in America. We organized a plan for *Summerhood* and it happens to suit *My Suicide* perfectly also; good luck to us both then."

- Jacob Medjuck (Director/Writer) of "Summerhood"

"Thanks for a great time in Edmonton! Malcolm and I had a blast and we are all very excited about the award. Thanks for making it all possible...thanks again so much for the great weekend in Edmonton! "

- Ben Steinbauer (Director/Writer) of "Winnebago Man"

"Hope the film festival is continuing to be excellent. Just wanted to send you both a quick message to say thank you so much for the great weekend and lovely hospitality! It was a real pleasure to visit Edmonton and to get to hang out with you all. Hope to see you again sometime soon!"

- Malcolm Pullinger (Producer) of "Winnebago Man".