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Court Métrange  
Ciné TNB from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>  
International Short Film Festival of the Bizarre and Fantastical

Autumn 2015: Rennes becomes the capital of the strange!

It's that time of year again! Rennes is going to fully experience fantastical onirism in tune with the theme of the 2015 Court Métrange Festival: Realm of Dreams.

From October 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Court Métrange Festival, the international festival of short fantastical and bizarre films, will take place at the Ciné TNB. Before, during, and after, the festival will develop its 2015 theme, Realm of Dreams, throughout the city of Rennes through its program that has been expanded to other artistic horizons: special screenings, conferences, discussion sessions, activities and its now must-see contemporary art exhibition area, the Parcours Métrange.

Through its success in drawing in a large public audience, its European notoriety and the attention from the media, Court Métrange pulls off its challenge every year to finally return the author status to the too often marginalized directors in the production of the 7<sup>th</sup> Art. Cinema is an artistic force that is expressed across many languages. Fantasy is one of them. Court Métrange has granted an earned spot to those who have chosen it. Lovers of this cinema genre, dreamers, inquirers... you are awaited in Rennes to share a unique and privileged moment with the authors who choose a different kind of cinematography.

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## Court Métrange

12<sup>th</sup> annual International Short Film Festival of the Bizarre and Fantastical  
From October 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ciné TNB in Rennes

As the annual showcase of the worldwide creation of this film genre, Court Métrange offers its International Competition: around sixty short films of the bizarre and fantastical, for the most part exclusive, submitted for a vote by the audience, academics, and a professional judging panel. The award-winning films are rewarded with numerous prizes, financial support and industrial contributions for any future productions.

As a member of the EFFFF (European Fantastic Film Festivals Federation), Court Métrange also awards a 'Méliès d'argent' to the best European film in the competition.

*The selection will be revealed the day of the press conference in Rennes (date to be announced).*

The official start of the Court Métrange Festival, the highly anticipated Fantasy Night will make insomniac film buffs and lovers of the strange shiver and shudder all night on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the darkened room of the Cinéville Colombier. Other recurring festival events are the 'cartes blanches'- this year at Grassman Fantastic Film and Wine Festival (Slovenia) and Make it short, the academic sessions during which rich and demanding works that are relevant to the teaching community and their students are the objects of study, the thematic session and pitch dating – a professional meeting organized in partnership with Films en Bretagne during which writers/directors have 10 minutes to convince producers of their short fantasy film projects.

## **New in 2015**

Court Métrange has set up a new professional meeting with Réso Solidaire, the pitch-dating Associations Entreprises. This meeting with the area's organizations and businesses offers a time for exchange and discussion in order to create collaborations and build partnerships between these two players engaged in local service projects for regional, national, European, and international development.

The festival's desire to see everyone mingle drove it to set up sessions and meetings that are accessible to those with handicaps. The exhibition area will also be arranged for people who have mental handicaps. (In partnership with Films en Bretagne, Zanzan Films, ADAPEI, URAPEDA, the foundation of France and the MMA foundation.)

## **Realm of Dreams**

Screenings outside of the festival, activities, meetings, conferences, and Parcours Métrange

Autumn 2015 – throughout the city of Rennes

The short film festival, Court Métrange, has expanded its program over the last three years to other artistic horizons inviting the audience to ponder the image of fantasy through numerous events. Special screenings, conferences, discussion sessions, activities and the Parcours Métrange, a contemporary art exhibition area that is spread throughout Rennes before, during, and after the festival will punctuate life in Rennes all autumn. After covering *The Female Vampire* (2011), *Voodoo* (2012), *Monsters* (2013) and *Steampunk* (2014), Court Métrange is venturing into the Realm of Dreams. This theme around dreams and nightmares, a subject that is exciting in itself and dealt with extensively in cinema, will be the common theme in 2015.

Finally, after the successful experience of Village Métrange in 2014, during which the shopkeepers on St. Hélier Street participated unanimously in this attempt to create and commercialize products related to the theme of the event by inviting their clientele to immerse themselves in oddities the entire week of the festival and offering them an additional showcase (in the most literal sense of the phrase), the Village Métrange 2015 will be set up and opened Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> by the first “Unicorn stroll”, a mythical and legendary creature that is both a symbol of dreams and the imaginary!

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