

MAXIME GIROUX

DIRECTOR
WRITER

A seasoned director, Maxime Giroux cut his teeth directing music videos before transitioning to advertisement.

To date, he has directed more than 100 music videos and 400 spots. This experience only contributed to sharpen his directorial rigor and his quasi-surgical precision in directing actors. As he always says: "There are no bad actors; only poor casting." Maxime has gone from emerging talent to confirmed maestro as his commercial portfolio has amassed a long list of accolades including Cannes Lions and Créas.

His films have propelled him at the forefront of Canadian filmmaking. His feature, Félix & Meira, won Best Canadian Feature Film in 2014 and represented Canada in the run up of the 2016 Oscar nominations for Best Foreign Language Film. The Great Darkened Days, premiered at TIFF 2018 to glowing reviews and would go on to win 6 Canadian Screen Awards.

His latest movie Norbourg released in 2022 received 6 nominations at Prix IRIS.

Maxime has directed campaigns for a plethora of clients including, ASTRAL, BELAIR, BURGER KING, DANONE, HARVEYS, MCDONALD'S, HONDA, RONA, SAAQ, TROPICANA, YOPLAIT, VIDEOTRON and many more.

CINEMA

2022	PLAN B // Post- production Director // Format: Series
2022	NORBOURG Director // Production: Films du Boulevard
2019	LA GRANDE NOIRCEUR (THE GREAT DARKENED DAYS) Director & Writer // Format: Feature // Production: Metafilms
2014	FÉLIX ET MEIRA

Director & Writer // Format: Feature // Production: Metafilms
2013 TÊTE EN BAS
Director & Writer // Format: Short Film // Production: Metafilms
2011 JO POUR JONATHAN
Director & Writer // Format: Feature // Production: Reprise Films et Nouveau Film
2008 DEMAIN
Director & Writer // Format: Feature // Production: Reprise Films
2006 LES JOURS
Director & Writer // Format: Feature // Production: NùFilms
2006 LE ROUGE AU SOL
Director // Format: Feature // Production: NùFilms

ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 LA GRANDE NOIRCEUR (THE GREAT DARKENED DAYS)
Gala Québec Cinéma // Best Cinematography (Sara Mishara)
Gala Québec Cinéma // Nomination: Best Film
Gala Québec Cinéma // Nomination: Best Directing
Gala Québec Cinéma // Nomination: Best Art Direction (Sylvain Dion & Patricia McNeil)
Gala Québec Cinéma // Nomination: Best Sound (Luc Boudrias, Frédéric Cloutier, Stephen De Oliveira)
Gala Québec Cinéma // Nomination: Best Editing (Mathieu Bouchard-Malo)
Calgary Film Festival // Best Canadian Film
Tokyo International Film Festival // Official Selection
Tallinn International Film Festival // Official Selection
Los Cabos International Film Festival // Official Selection
Vilnius International Film Festival // Official Selection
2018 TIFF // Official Selection - World Premiere

FÉLIX ET MEIRA
2016 Official Entry of Canada at the 88th Academy Awards for Best Picture In A Foreign Language
Canadian Screen Awards // Nomination: Best Directing
Canadian Screen Awards // Nomination: Best Film
Canadian Screen Awards // Nomination: Best Female Lead (Hadas Yaron)
Canadian Screen Awards // Nomination: Best Cinematography
Canadian Screen Awards // Nomination: Best Art Direction
Gala Québec Cinéma // Best Achievement Outside Quebec
2015 Festival international du film d'Aubagne // Best Film
Baie-Comeau International Film Festival // Best Canadian Film
Baie-Comeau International Film Festival // Best Music
New York Jewish Film Festival // Closing Film.

Whistler Film Festival // Best Cinematography
 Whistler Film Festival // Best Canadian Film
 Whistler Film Festival // Best Screenplay
 2014 Torino Film Festival // Best Actress (Hadas Yaron)
 Torino Film Festival // Best Actor (Martin Dubreuil)
 Torino Film Festival // Ecumenical Prize
 Festival Arte Mare de Bastia // Audience Award
 Amiens International Film Festival // Best Actress (Hadas Yaron)
 Amiens International Film Festival // Best Actor (Martin Dubreuil)
 Festival International de Cinéma Francophone en Acadie // Best Canadian Film
 Haifa International Film Festival // Best Film
 TIFF // Best Canadian Film
 TIFF // Nomination: Best Film
 TIFF // Nomination: Best Directing
 TIFF // Nomination: Best Actress (Hadas Yaron)
 TIFF // Nomination: Best Supporting Actor (Luzer Twersky)
 San Sebastian International Film Festival // Official Selection
 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma // Golden Wolf
 28th Festival International du Film Francophone de Namur // Official Selection

LA TÊTE EN BAS
 2014 Regard sur le court métrage au Saguenay // Official Selection
 Rendez-Vous du Cinéma Québécois // Official Selection
 2013 22th Art Film Fest // Best Short Film
 International Short Film and Animation Festival of Barcelona // Official Selection
 Festival International du Film Francophone de Namur // Official Selection
 Milano Film Festival // Official Selection
 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma // Official Selection

DEMAIN
 2008 Festival International du Film Francophone de Tübingen // Jury Honourable Mention

LES JOURS
 2006 TIFF // Best Canadian Short Film
 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma // Best Short Film
 Jutra Awards // Nomination: Best Short Film

LE ROUGE AU SOL
 2007 Genie Awards // Best Short Film
 2006 Festival du film francophone de Vaulx-en-Velin // Best Short Film
 Toronto Short Film Festival // Best Film
 Melbourne International Film Festival // Best Short Film

Milan International Film Festival // Best Actor (Martin Dubreuil)

Milan International Film Festival // Best Short Film

Jutra Awards // Nomination: Best Short Film

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Program: Cinema