

POUR TOUJOURS, LES CANADIENS!

Director: Sylvain Archambault

Cast: Celine Bonnier, Antoine L'Écuyer, Claude Legault, Jean Lapointe, Alex Kovalev, Guy Carbonneau run time: TBD NR French with English subtitles

Although the Montreal Canadiens' one-hundredth season wasn't its most stellar on the ice, the fact remains that the team's centenary anniversary is a major cultural landmark. *Pour toujours, les Canadiens!* features some of Quebec's top actors, including Céline Bonnier (*Mama est chez le coiffeur*), Claude Legault (*Dans une galaxie pres de chez vous*) and Antoine L'Écuyer (*C'est pas moi, je le jure!*), as well as famous – indeed, legendary – Habs players, among them Alex Kovalev, Guy Carbonneau, Saku Koivu and several others.

Daniel is a ten-year-old boy awaiting a kidney transplant at a downtown Montreal hospital. His days are dreary and hard, but he finds solace and strength through his passionate love of hockey. His nurse Michelle is the mother of William, a seventeen-year-old college hockey star going through emotional distress because his father is too busy making a documentary about the Habs' centennial to pay any attention to him. Daniel and William meet and embark on a friendship sealed by their quest for happiness and success, as well as their obsession with hockey. The young men's fiery and heartfelt determination soon astounds staff at the hospital and hockey club, ultimately inspiring understanding about how meaningful a bond between a local team and its fan base can be.

Endorsed by the NHL and the Canadiens club, *Pour toujours, les Canadiens!* is a touching film that dynamically mixes drama, hockey history and fast-paced on-ice action: essentially, everything about the sport that has made it an entire country's cultural reference.