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CARLETON CINEMA POLITICA PRESENTS LOWDOWN TRACKS AT ARTSCOURT THEATRE

Award winning documentary on homelessness in Canada, by multi-award-winning filmmaker Shelley Saywell, to be screened Wednesday April 5th, 2017 at 7PM

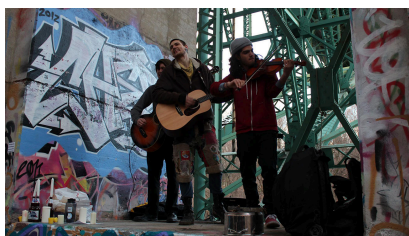
Ottawa, ON, March 29, 2017– Carleton Cinema Politica is proud to present, in association with the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa and The Wrench, the award-winning film *Lowdown Tracks* on April 5th, 2017. **Lowdown Tracks** is a new and acclaimed documentary film that celebrates the music and stories of those living on the margins of Canadian society. Voted top Canadian Audience Choice award at Hot Docs in 2015, **Lowdown Tracks** has been identified as a highly effective call to action, addressing mental health stigma and issues of homelessness in Canada. The film's main subjects are talented street musicians and the face of some of Canada's most vulnerable individuals.

As our homeless crisis grows, life on the margins threatens more and more people. The causes, from abuse to mental health to simple bad luck, are all touched on in the film. At its heart, **Lowdown Tracks** is about bringing into focus the heartache and the beautiful potential we should see when we walk by someone on the street. In the end, it is a celebration of the power of music and survival.

“Lowdown Tracks is so important because it injects hope, purpose and creates a sense of urgency to the work we’re doing and rallies people to take action. And action is the name of the game. The 20,000 Homes campaign is a catalyst for action. Lowdown Tracks is the spark.”

- Tim Richter

(President & CEO Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness & 20,000 Homes Campaign)



Lowdown Tracks dir. Shelley Saywell | Canada | 2015 | 86 mins

Inspired by depression-era folk songs, filmmaker Shelley Saywell and singer and activist Lorraine Segato set out to document the music and stories of those who live on the margins of society and bare their souls through their songs on the streets of Toronto.

Lowdown Tracks will be screening April 5th, 2017 at 7PM at Arts Court Theatre.

FREE ENTRY. PWYC donations are welcome.

Lowdown Tracks is co-presented by the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa with special thanks to The Wrench. Carleton Cinema Politica is an OPIRG Carleton Working Group.

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