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The Rome Film Fest pays tribute to the Oscar® winner Michel Gondry: the filmmaker will be the protagonist of a masterclass for the public

The programme features preview screenings of *Le Livre des solutions*, the new film by the French director, and *In Bed with Gondry* by François Nemeta

Spectators can also attend the screening of his cult film, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

The eighteenth Rome Film Fest will dedicate a tribute to Michel Gondry, the brilliant director and screenwriter winner of an Oscar® for *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, an eclectic and volcanic artist, the author of videos for Björk, Daft Punk, Lenny Kravitz and many others.

The programme will be inaugurated by the preview of *Le Livre des Solutions* (*The Book of Solutions*), the new film by the French filmmaker, to be held on Friday October 20th at 8 pm at the Teatro Palladium. The film, which marks Gondry's return following an eight-year pause from cinema, is a wild and unpredictable comedy; not just a film "about cinema", but a parable about unbridled creativity and its unknowns, which opens to every field of art and human creation – from drawing to animation to music – often with a nod to short audio-visual forms. *The Book of Solutions* will be released in Italian theatres on Wednesday November 1st distributed by Wonder Pictures in collaboration with the Unipol Biografilm Collection.

On Monday October 23rd at 3 pm at Casa del Cinema, the public is invited to see a screening of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*: the cult-movie by Gondry, which won him the Oscar® for Best Original Screenplay together with Charlie Kaufman and Pierre Bismuth, is a reflection upon the fleeting nature and the utopia of love, suspended between comedy and melodrama.

On Tuesday October 24th at 4 pm, Sala Sinopoli will be the venue for the preview screening of *In Bed with Gondry* by François Nemeta, the second documentary that the longtime collaborator dedicates to the filmmaker after *Michel Gondry*, *Do It Yourself*, presented this year at the Venice International Film Festival. *In Bed with Gondry* is a personal and intimate portrait of the great filmmaker: over the course of

a sleepless night, Michel Gondry discusses his influences, his dreams, his nightmares and reveals the secrets of his original and unequalled creative process. The director François Nemeta will be in attendance to meet the spectators.

The tribute to the filmmaker will conclude on Sunday October 29th at 11:30 am, when Michel Gondry will come to the stage of Sala Petrassi for a Masterclass with the audience of the Fest, hosted by the writer Manlio Castagna.