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Filmmakers Kate Twa and Ronan Reinart Bring Their New Cultural Vision “Tempest” to the Okanagan

(Penticton, BC) May 11, 2018 – Tempest, the new cultural vision of Kate Twa and Ronan Reinart, officially opens its doors this Fall in Penticton at the 4300 square-foot building at 125 Eckhardt Avenue East. **It will be home to Mutant Films Inc.**, a boutique film production studio, and **Tempest Theatre and Film Society**, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing theatre and film arts. In addition to these creative facilities, **there will be a 77-seat Black Box Theatre and a Writers Salon.**

The organization’s core mission is to encourage and develop skills and talent in theatre and film arts, and to enliven the community through shared creative excellence. **Tempest** will bring cutting-edge theatre to Penticton as well as focus on development of new work. Other initiatives include both a 10-Minute Play Festival and 10-Minute Film Festival where selected local talent can see their ideas come to life on stage and screen.

Kate comments “After shooting our second film, ***The Orchard***, in the Okanagan in 2016, the area worked its spell on us.” Cinematographer Ronan adds, “The landscape here is striking and varied, and the light around the lake has a very special diffused quality that is heaven for photographers.” This experience inspired Kate and Ronan to become residents and to move their businesses to this area. They conclude, “It is a magical backdrop for creativity and we are excited to share our work.”

On May 17, special invited guests will get a private sneak peek of film, ***The Orchard***, at the Penticton Landmark Cinema at 2:00 pm; and will attend an after - screening reception at Tempest, for a tour of the building a preview of the facilities.

The Orchard has screened at over 14 international film festivals, including Sydney Indie, where Kate won the award for Best Director; South Bay (Los Angeles); and Portsmouth (UK), where the film won Best Feature. Written and directed by Kate, ***The Orchard*** tells the story of brash Los Angeles talent agent Max Roth who unexpectedly inherits a small peach orchard from an eccentric Aunt in Canada. Max travels to British Columbia’s Okanagan Valley expecting to make a quick sale to foreign developers and move on. His life changes as he becomes enchanted with the countryside, the old

house, and a firebrand activist named Olive who is hell-bent on stopping the sale. Watch the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/242723770>

Mutant Films is an independent Canadian film production company now based in Penticton, British Columbia. Its focus is producing engaging and entertaining films for the international market using the latest technologies and innovative techniques. Mutant Films' diverse slate of films tell great stories in unique ways that resonate with audiences.

Tempest Theatre & Film Society is a non-profit organization founded in the spring of 2018 by Kate Twa, Ronan Reinart, and Andrea Agur, Tempest's Managing Director and a South-Okanagan native.

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Media Invitation: You are invited to attend the screening of The Orchard at 2:00 pm at the Landmark Cinema, and the After Screening Reception at 4 pm with Kate and Ronan, have a tour of the building and facilities, and enjoy Okanagan wines, beers and tapas. **RSVP to Tina Baird.**

To set up interviews or receive press pictures: Contact Tina