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Where Heritage Meets Storytelling: Rhéo Thompson Candies Partners with MARKD Productions

STOUFFVILLE, ON – MARKD Productions is pleased to announce Rhéo Thompson Candies as a founding sponsor of its upcoming documentary project exploring the European heritage, local history, and community stories woven throughout Southwestern Ontario.

A Stratford institution since 1969, Rhéo Thompson Candies has built its reputation on craftsmanship, time-honoured recipes, and a commitment to making confections with care. The company's story reflects the very qualities at the heart of the film: the traditions we carry forward, the communities that shape us, and the people who keep meaningful stories alive.

“We're proud to be partnering with MARKD Productions on a project that celebrates the stories, traditions, and communities that make this part of Ontario so special,” says Lindsay McLeod, owner of Rhéo Thompson Candies. “Our business has always been about more than making chocolate. It's about craftsmanship, connection, and continuing a tradition that people have come to know and love. We see those same values reflected in the stories MARKD Productions is bringing to life.”

For MARKD Productions, the addition of Rhéo Thompson Candies represents a particularly fitting partnership. The documentary explores how European influences have shaped the identities of Southwestern Ontario communities, from the names on their maps to the traditions, businesses, and people that continue to define them today.

Rhéo Thompson Candies brings its own distinctive history to that conversation. Since its beginnings in Stratford, the company has continued to embrace traditional confectionery methods and small-batch craftsmanship, demonstrating how local businesses can preserve their roots while evolving with the communities they serve.

“Great stories are built by people who care about what they leave behind,” says Kevin Huhn, Co-Founder of MARKD Productions. “Rhéo Thompson Candies is a wonderful example of that. There is a real connection between the care that goes into their craft and the care it takes to tell a community's story. We're thrilled to have them part of this film.”

The collaboration will also extend beyond a traditional sponsorship, with Rhéo Thompson Candies contributing its confectionery expertise to a special element of the partnership. Further details will be shared as the project progresses.

The partnership reinforces MARKD Productions' community-driven approach to filmmaking, bringing together businesses, local leaders, historians, and storytellers to explore the experiences that connect Ontario's communities to a wider world. As production continues, MARKD Productions is building a network of founding sponsors who share a belief that local stories deserve to be told, celebrated, and carried forward.

About Europe in Ontario

Europe in Ontario is an upcoming feature documentary exploring Ontario's remarkable European-inspired destinations and experiences, celebrating the architecture, food, culture, traditions, and stories that make the province uniquely diverse.

About MARKD Productions

MARKD Productions is an Ontario-based independent production company specializing in cinematic storytelling across film, documentary, commercial, and branded content. It also partners with organizations to clarify their message, strengthen their brand, and connect more meaningfully with their audience through film, content, and strategy. For more information about MARKD Productions, visit www.markdproductions.com

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