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TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL TRANSPORTS AUDIENCES INTO BREAKTHROUGH INTERACTIVE WORLDS WITH POP VR AT THE FESTIVAL

Virtual reality presentation at the Festival pushes beyond the frame to bring the best in transformative storytelling from around the globe

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today plans for **POP VR** at the Festival, a presentation of virtual reality projects that will screen at the 2016 Festival. POP VR is set to captivate audiences and celebrate the intersection of cutting-edge filmmaking innovation and artistic vision.

“The Festival has always been committed to providing audiences with transformative experiences,” said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of the Toronto International Film Festival. “POP VR continues this tradition with immersive journeys that travel beyond the frame into the interactive world of virtual reality. With POP VR, the Festival shines the spotlight on visionary artists who are creating groundbreaking new narrative forms.”

POP VR will bring together compelling, high-calibre virtual reality projects that can be experienced at TIFF Bell Lightbox during the Festival from September 16 to 18 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. For more information about submitting to POP VR, please contact submissions@tiff.net. More details about POP VR at the Festival will be announced in the coming months.

TIFF has been creating immersive experiences for audiences with incredible and inspiring virtual worlds for several years. So far in 2016, TIFF Bell Lightbox hosted the immensely successful **digiPlaySpace**; the summer-long **POP**, a three-part virtual reality and immersive media pop-up installation series; and will present the recently announced **2167**, featuring six commissioned VR projects from Indigenous filmmakers and artists inspired by their vision of Canada in 2167, in celebration of Canada’s sesquicentennial anniversary.

The 41st Toronto International Film Festival runs September 8 to 18, 2016.

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