

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL REVEALS FIRST GALA AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION TITLES FOR 2017

Featuring premieres from filmmakers including Hany Abu-Assad, Haifaa Al Mansour, Darren Aronofsky, George Clooney, Guillermo del Toro, Richard Eyre, Stephen Frears, Deniz Gamze Ergüven, Greta Gerwig, Craig Gillespie, David Gordon Green, Mahamat-Saleh Haroun, Angelina Jolie, Anurag Kashyap, Mélanie Laurent, Sebastián Lelio, Ben Lewin, Martin McDonagh, Hansal Mehta, Olivier Nakache, Alexander Payne, Angela Robinson, Andy Serkis, Eric Toledano, Wim Wenders, Joe Wright and more.

TORONTO — Piers Handling, CEO and Director of TIFF, and Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of TIFF, today unveiled the first round of titles premiering in the Gala and Special Presentations programmes of the 42nd Toronto International Film Festival®.

Of the 13 Galas and 33 Special Presentations, this first announcement includes 24 World Premieres, eight International Premieres, six North American Premieres and eight Canadian Premieres.

“Festival-goers from around the world can anticipate a remarkable lineup of extraordinary stories, voices and cinematic visions from emerging talent and some of our favourite masters,” said Handling. “Today’s announcement offers audiences a glimpse at this year’s rich and robust selection of films, including works from Canada, USA, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, India, Chile, Egypt and Cambodia.”

“Every year we set the stage for film lovers of all ages and cultural backgrounds to come together and embrace the universal power of cinema,” said Bailey. “As the Festival enters its fifth decade, we’ve challenged ourselves to adapt and build on our strengths, and we look forward to championing a new selection of films that will captivate and inspire global film audiences.”

The 42nd Toronto International Film Festival runs from September 7 to 17, 2017.

GALAS 2017

Breathe Andy Serkis, United Kingdom
World Premiere

The Catcher Was A Spy Ben Lewin, USA
World Premiere

Closing Night Film

C'est la vie! Olivier Nakache, Eric Toledano, France
World Premiere



Darkest Hour Joe Wright, United Kingdom
Canadian Premiere

Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool Paul McGuigan, United Kingdom
Canadian Premiere

Kings Deniz Gamze Ergüven, France/Belgium
World Premiere

Long Time Running Jennifer Baichwal, Nicholas de Pencier, Canada
World Premiere

Mary Shelley Haifaa Al Mansour, Ireland/United Kingdom/Luxembourg/USA
World Premiere

The Mountain Between Us Hany Abu-Assad, USA
World Premiere

Mudbound Dee Rees, USA
International Premiere

Stronger David Gordon Green, USA
World Premiere

The Upside Neil Burger, USA
World Premiere

The Wife Björn Runge, United Kingdom/Sweden
World Premiere

Woman Walks Ahead Susanna White, USA
World Premiere

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS 2017

Battle of the Sexes Valerie Faris, Jonathan Dayton, USA
International Premiere

BPM (Beats Per Minute) Robin Campillo, France
North American Premiere

The Brawler Anurag Kashyap, India
World Premiere

The Breadwinner Nora Twomey, Canada/Ireland/Luxembourg
World Premiere



Call Me By Your Name Luca Guadagnino, Italy/France
Canadian Premiere

Catch the Wind Gaël Morel, France
International Premiere

The Children Act Richard Eyre, United Kingdom
World Premiere

The Current War Alfonso Gomez-Rejon, USA
World Premiere

Disobedience Sebastián Lelio, United Kingdom
World Premiere

Downsizing Alexander Payne, USA
Canadian Premiere

A Fantastic Woman Sebastián Lelio, Chile
Canadian Premiere

First They Killed My Father Angelina Jolie, Cambodia
Canadian Premiere

The Guardians Xavier Beauvois, France/Switzerland
World Premiere

Hostiles Scott Cooper, USA
International Premiere

The Hungry Bornila Chatterjee, India
World Premiere

I, Tonya Craig Gillespie, USA
World Premiere

Special Presentations Opening Film

Lady Bird Greta Gerwig, USA
International Premiere

mother! Darren Aronofsky, USA
North American Premiere

Novitiate Maggie Betts, USA
International Premiere



Omertà Hansal Mehta, India
World Premiere

Plonger Mélanie Laurent, France
World Premiere

The Price of Success Teddy Lussi-Modeste, France
International Premiere

Professor Marston & the Wonder Women Angela Robinson, USA
World Premiere

The Rider Chloé Zhao, USA
Canadian Premiere

A Season in France Mahamat-Saleh Haroun, France
World Premiere

The Shape of Water Guillermo del Toro, USA
Canadian Premiere

Special Presentations Closing Film

Sheikh Jackson Amr Salama, Egypt
World Premiere

The Square Ruben Östlund, Sweden
North American Premiere

Submergence Wim Wenders, France/Germany/Spain
World Premiere

Suburbicon George Clooney, USA
North American Premiere

Thelma Joachim Trier, Norway/Sweden/France/Denmark
International Premiere

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri Martin McDonagh, USA
North American Premiere

Victoria & Abdul Stephen Frears, United Kingdom
North American Premiere

For film synopses, cast lists, images and more information see tiff.net/galas and tiff.net/specialpresentations.

Festival ticket packages start at \$105. Purchase packages online at tiff.net/tickets, by phone (416.599.TIFF or 1.888.599.8433), or in person at TIFF Bell Lightbox until August 13 while quantities last.



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