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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **TIFF ANNOUNCES TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS Helen Burstyn, Rod Phillips, and Wayne Purboo step down**

**TORONTO** – Today, TIFF announced the appointment of Wes Hall and Tawfik Hammoud to its Board of Directors, while also expressing their deepest appreciation to outgoing Board members Helen Burstyn, Rod Phillips, and Wayne Purboo for their unwavering dedication and leadership throughout their time with the TIFF.

“We are thrilled to welcome Wes and Tawfik to the Board of Directors, as we move into an exciting and important time at TIFF,” said Jennifer Tory, Chair of the Board of Directors at TIFF. “The organization enters its 44th year with a new leadership team, a progressive strategic plan underway, and now the fresh perspective, guidance, and expertise of our newly appointed board members. We look forward to building the future alongside this team, and we are honoured that they have chosen to be a part of TIFF.”

With accolades like “Most Influential Powerbroker” and “Most Powerful Business Person,” **Wes Hall** brings more than 20 years of experience in corporate governance and shareholder communications to the TIFF Board of Directors. As a leading proxy solicitation specialist, Hall has provided best-in-class services for some of North America’s largest organizations. Prior to forming Kinsdale Advisors in 2003, Hall worked as a law clerk and corporate secretary for CanWest Global. He was the recipient of the Vice Chancellor’s Award in 2015 and an honorary doctorate from the University of the West Indies in 2017. He has sat on the Board of Directors for many organizations, including SickKids Foundation, Pathways to Education, Capitalize for Kids, and Nickel Creek Platinum Corp (formerly Wellgreen Platinum Ltd). Hall has appeared as an expert spokesperson on BNN and Bloomberg TV, and in *The Globe and Mail* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

**Tawfik Hammoud** is the global leader of The Boston Consulting Group’s Principal Investors & Private Equity practice, advising clients on all aspects of business strategy, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, operations, and governance. Hammoud has extensive experience working with a wide range of telecommunications and media clients across a variety of topics and geographies. Prior to joining the BCG team, Hammoud held the position of Principal at YTH Capital, and was Co-Founder and VP of Citadon.

### **2018–2019 TIFF Board of Directors as of September 2018:**

**Chair Emeritus & Founder** – William Marshall

**Chair** – Jennifer Tory

**Directors** – Jennifer Baichwal, Geoff Beattie, Barry Campbell, Asha Daniere, Wes Hall, Tawfik Hammoud, Betty-Ann Heggie, Alix Herber, Ellis Jacob, Frank Kollmar, Chetan Mathur, Shabin Mohamed, Leslie Noble, Wade Oosterman, Geetu Pathak, Jeffrey Remedios, Francis Shen, and Mark Wellings

**Ex-Officio** – Slawko Klymkiw

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**Outgoing members:**

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Wayne Purboo

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TIFF is a charitable cultural organization whose mission is to transform the way people see the world through film. An international leader in film culture, TIFF projects include the annual Toronto International Film Festival in September; TIFF Bell Lightbox, which features five cinemas, major exhibitions, and learning and entertainment facilities; and innovative national distribution program Film Circuit. The organization generates an annual economic impact of \$189 million CAD. TIFF Bell Lightbox is generously supported by contributors including Founding Sponsor Bell, the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, the City of Toronto, the Reitman family (Ivan Reitman, Agi Mandel and Susan Michaels), The Daniels Corporation and RBC. For more information, visit [tiff.net](http://tiff.net).

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