

CANADIAN PREMIERE OF *SHOPLIFTERS* TO CLOSE TIFF 2018 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS PROGRAMME

Japanese master Hirokazu Kore-eda brings his 2018 Palme d'Or winner to TIFF



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TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® is pleased to announce today that the Canadian Premiere of Hirokazu Kore-eda's *Shoplifters* will close the 2018 Special Presentations programme. After a remarkably successful run in Japan and abroad, TIFF is excited to bring this thoughtful drama by the Japanese master to Canada for the very first time.

"*Shoplifters* is about connections, family, and what keeps us together," said Piers Handling, Director & CEO of TIFF. "We've been fortunate to present many films by Kore-eda at TIFF, including *After Life* (1998), *Like Father, Like Son* (2013), and *Our Little Sister* (2015). We're delighted to share his Palme d'Or-winning film with Toronto audiences."

"Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to have my new film, *Shoplifters*, shown to my dear Toronto audience," said Hirokazu Kore-eda. "I am very honoured to have it screened as the closing film for the Special Presentations programme! My sincere appreciation goes to the people of TIFF. Thank you very much."

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Equal parts incisive social critique and nuanced family portrait, *Shoplifters* follows a small band of marginalized misfits struggling to make ends meet in a merciless urban environment.

The 43rd Toronto International Film Festival runs from September 6 to 16, 2018.

For film synopses, cast lists, images, and more information see 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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This film is eligible for the Grolsch People's Choice Award.

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