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TIFF CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY OF *THE JOY LUCK CLUB*

Wayne Wang's seminal film returns to Toronto International Film Festival 25 years later

TORONTO – The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today it will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Wayne Wang's *The Joy Luck Club* with a special event screening on Thursday, September 13 at the Elgin Theatre – exactly 25 years after its original Canadian premiere was held at the same venue.

Recapturing the magic of its original debut, *The Joy Luck Club* returns with appearances from the cast and crew, led by director and co-producer Wayne Wang and the film's original stars, including Kieu Chinh and Tamlyn Tomita.

"Back in 1993, *The Joy Luck Club* was a rare Hollywood studio film about the Chinese-American experience," said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of TIFF. "Audiences embraced its moving depiction of mother-daughter relationships then, and ever since. We're thrilled to give our own TIFF audience the chance to see this classic story of love and loyalty once again in Toronto. We'll celebrate the film's creators, explore its legacy, and remember the special meaning it has had for Asians across North America."

Based on Amy Tan's bestselling novel, *The Joy Luck Club* follows three generations of Chinese women in San Francisco, whose lives are interwoven through this story of mothers and daughters attempting to break through the social and generational differences that both jeopardise and strengthen the loving bonds between them.

"For its 25th anniversary, I'm so happy to be able present a newly refined digital version of *The Joy Luck Club* at the Toronto International Film Festival," said director Wayne Wang. "It's going to be so special to look back on the film with the cast and original fans and to introduce the film to a new generation."

Following the screening, Lainey Lui, co-host of CTV's *The Social*, etalk Senior Correspondent and founder and editor of *LaineyGossip.com*, will join Wayne Wang and the cast onstage for a conversation, unpacking the film's enduring legacy and the impact it has had on Hollywood cinema.

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

For film note, cast list, and more information, see tiff.net/specialevents

Festival tickets go on sale September 3 at 10am (TIFF Member pre-sale September 1 from 10am to 4pm). Buy tickets online at tiff.net, by phone at 416.599.TIFF or 1.888.599.8433, or in person at a box office. See box office locations and hours at tiff.net/tickets.

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