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NEW YORK FILM FESTIVAL, TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL, TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, AND VENICE FILM FESTIVAL UNITE IN SUPPORT OF FILM CULTURE

TORONTO – The Toronto International Film Festival released today an official letter of solidarity with three other international film festivals, with each organization committing to cooperation, information sharing, and support of one another’s global events.

“The art form we love is in crisis,” the statement reads in part. “Our own organizations have seen unprecedented challenges to our work and our financial security. The pandemic caught each of us as we were preparing for the biggest event of our year in the fall of 2020. We knew we had to adapt. We decided to collaborate as we never have before.”

The New York Film Festival, Telluride Film Festival, Toronto International Film Festival, and Venice Film Festival have all endured financial challenges amid the health pandemic. As a result, it has been essential for each organization to reimagine the delivery of its film festival to its audiences.

“This year, we moved away from competing with our colleagues at autumn festivals and committed instead to collaboration,” the statement continues. “We are offering our festivals as a united platform for the best cinema we can find. We’re here to serve the filmmakers, audiences, journalists and industry members who keep the film ecosystem thriving. We need to do that together.”

For the full statement FALL FESTIVALS UNITE TO SUPPORT FILM CULTURE, visit tiff.net.

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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, learning and entertainment facilities; and innovative national distribution program Film Circuit. 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.

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TIFF is proud to collaborate with film festivals across the country, including Inside Out, imagineNATIVE, Reel Asian, the Italian Contemporary Film Festival (ICFF) and the Architecture and Design Film Festival (ADFF). As valued partners who also believe in the power of film, TIFF has been proud to partner with these organizations and look forward to sharing with audiences our collaboration together in digital TIFF Bell Lightbox.

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