

GUILLERMO DEL TORO PRESENTS *TIGERS ARE NOT AFRAID* AT TIFF BELL LIGHTBOX

The theatrical run of Issa López's haunting horror-fairy tale kicks off with a little help from Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro on August 23



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TORONTO — Writer-director Issa López's highly anticipated horror-fantasy film *Tigers Are Not Afraid* will get a Toronto-exclusive theatrical run at TIFF Bell Lightbox starting Friday, August 23. The film's opening night screening will be presented by one of the film's biggest fans: Guillermo del Toro (*The Shape of Water*, *Pan's Labyrinth*), who will host a Q&A with the filmmaker after the 7:45pm screening on August 23.

López draws on the real-life consequences of the drug wars in Mexico for her dark fairy tale about orphaned children left behind in the aftermath of violence. The Shudder Exclusive film follows 10-year-old Estrella, who wants nothing more than to be reunited with her missing mother. In true horror fashion, her wish is granted with a cruel twist when her mother returns to her from the dead to haunt her every move. Hoping to escape the past, Estrella runs away and joins a gang of street kids who have experienced similar losses. But she soon realizes that the dead and those we lose never truly leave us — and that wishes rarely come true the way you want them to.

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Tigers Are Not Afraid opens August 23, only at TIFF Bell Lightbox.

Tickets for *Tigers Are Not Afraid* go on sale to Members August 14 and to the public August 15.

Tickets for the event with Guillermo del Toro and Issa López are \$23.75 for the public, \$17 for Members, and \$19.25 for seniors and students with valid ID. Tickets for regular screenings of the film are \$14 for the public, \$12 for Members, and \$11.50 for seniors and students with valid ID. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit tiff.net or call 416-599-2033 or 1-888-258-8433.

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