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CANADA ABROAD: TOP CANADIAN FILMS LAND IN BEIJING

The China Film Archive, TIFF and Telefilm Canada join forces to bring top Canadian films to Beijing audiences

TORONTO – TIFF is bringing a collection of classic and contemporary Canadian films to Beijing, in partnership with the China Film Archive. The CFA will present **Canada's Ten Best: New Cinema From the North**, running from November 3 to 12. It will showcase a selection of Canada's leading films, programmed in association with TIFF, including several highlighted in TIFF's annual Canada's Top Ten Film Festival, as well as a selection of retrospective titles from TIFF's Canada on Screen sesquicentennial series. Telefilm Canada and the Embassy of Canada in China are also partners on this unique showcase of Canadian films.

The selection includes ***Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance***, a watershed film in the history of First Peoples cinema, directed by celebrated documentarian Alanis Obomsawin; Philippe Falardeau's tender exploration of grief in Oscar-nominated ***Monsieur Lazhar***, and Denis Villeneuve's Oscar-nominated ***Incendies***, which will open the programme. The selection was chosen because it wrestles with the complexities of family, the power of love, and the perseverance of the human spirit — universal themes that translate into any language.

"Denis Villeneuve, Xavier Dolan and Sarah Polley are only the latest acclaimed filmmakers to show the power of Canadian creativity to the world," said Piers Handling, Director and CEO of TIFF. "We can't wait to bring our very best screen storytelling to audiences in the world's fastest-rising film capital."

"In September, I was honoured to watch the Chinese classic film *Struggling* together with Canadian audiences during the 42nd Toronto International Film Festival," said Sun Xianghui, Director of the China Film Archive. "I am excited to provide a space that allows Beijing audiences to discover and appreciate Canadian cinema. This partnership will serve as an opportunity to celebrate our common love of film."

"Finding new ways of bringing Canadian content to new audiences around the world is central to our mandate, and I'm particularly excited about this initiative," added Carolle Brabant, Executive Director, Telefilm Canada. "I have had the privilege on numerous occasions, including this past January, to witness firsthand the excitement and enthusiasm with which Chinese audiences embrace Canadian cinema, and I'm certain that these screenings will result in a love for Canadian stories."

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“We are delighted that Canadian cinema is coming to Beijing and we applaud our homegrown filmmaking talent who allow us to share with the world Canada’s rich history, diversity and unique perspectives,” said John McCallum, Canada’s Ambassador to China. “Plus, 2017 is a special year, as we mark our 150th anniversary and are inviting the world to celebrate along with us and discover the best that Canada has on offer — including our cinematic excellence.”

The programme will feature the following lineup of films, running from November 3 to 12. A number of Canadian producers, filmmakers and talent will be in Beijing to introduce their films.

Gabrielle Louise Archambault
CTT 2013

Incendies Denis Villeneuve (Opening night film)
CTT 2010

Into the Forest Patricia Rozema
CTT 2015

Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance Alanis Obomsawin
Canada on Screen retrospective programme

Maps to the Stars David Cronenberg
CTT 2014

Mommy Xavier Dolan
CTT 2014
Canada on Screen retrospective programme

Monsieur Lazhar Philippe Falardeau
CTT 2011

My Winnipeg Guy Maddin
CTT 2007
Canada on Screen retrospective programme

Rebelle Kim Nguyen
CTT 2012

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Ryan Chris Landreth
CTT 2004
Canada on Screen retrospective programme (SHORT)

Stories We Tell Sarah Polley
CTT 2012
Canada on Screen retrospective programme

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