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**TIFF ANNOUNCES OPENING AND CLOSING NIGHT FILMS FOR THE 49TH EDITION OF THE FESTIVAL:  
DAVID GORDON GREEN'S *NUTCRACKERS* AND REBEL WILSON'S *THE DEB***

**Toronto** – The 2024 **Toronto International Film Festival** will kick off with **David Gordon Green's *Nutcrackers*** starring **Ben Stiller** on September 5, and close with **Rebel Wilson's** directorial debut ***The Deb*** on September 14, both making their World Premiere at Roy Thomson Hall as part of the **Gala** programme, sponsored by Dyson.

"This year's Festival is shaping up to be a star-studded event with highly anticipated films that reflect the world around us with humour and empathy, like our Opening and Closing Night selections, *Nutcrackers* and *The Deb*," said **Anita Lee, Chief Programming Officer, TIFF**. "TIFF aims to showcase both returning and first-time directors to the Festival on a big stage, and we are excited for fans to experience these two films – and the many diverse works premiering in between."

David Gordon Green's ***Nutcrackers*** follows strait-laced and work-obsessed Mike (Ben Stiller) as he is suddenly thrust into being a caregiver for his rambunctious, orphaned nephews. Rebel Wilson's directorial debut, ***The Deb***, is an original musical comedy about two teenage cousins who dig deep to find self-acceptance and a date to the Debutante Ball in a small country town in Australia.

**Film details (in alphabetical order):**

***The Deb*** | Rebel Wilson | Australia  
World Premiere | Gala  
Sales Title - Rights Available (WME)

***Nutcrackers*** | David Gordon Green | USA  
World Premiere | Gala  
Sales Title - Rights Available (UTA Independent Film Group)

More Festival details will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets for TIFF '24 go on sale to TIFF Members by level beginning on Friday, August 16. For more details, visit [tiff.net/join](https://tiff.net/join). The full Festival schedule will be released on Tuesday, August 13.

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