

***MOUTHPIECE* TO OPEN SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS PROGRAMME AT 2018 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

World Premiere of Patricia Rozema's *MOUTHPIECE* to open Special Presentations



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TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today that the World Premiere of ***MOUTHPIECE*** will be the opening film of the Special Presentations programme. Directed by Patricia Rozema and written by Rozema, Amy Nostbakken, and Norah Sadava, the film stars Nostbakken, Sadava, and Maev Beaty.

MOUTHPIECE is a powerful and amusing look into the female psyche that harnesses the essence of Nostbakken and Sadava's award-winning play, from which it was loosely adapted. Cassandra Haywood (played by both Nostbakken and Sadava) is a strong, single woman, a writer who lives by her own rules. She is also a bit of a disaster. Following the sudden death of her mother, Elaine (Beaty), Cassandra begins to recognize the resemblances between her more traditional mother and herself, and the frightening similarities between the struggles of past generations of women and the realities of today.

"We are thrilled to be opening the Special Presentations programme with Patricia Rozema, an iconic Canadian filmmaker," said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of TIFF. "Based on the play of the same name, *MOUTHPIECE* is one of Rozema's most vibrant films, an honest and heart-wrenching portrayal of a young woman finding her voice after the passing of her mother."

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"I can't thank the TIFF programmers enough for the special spotlight on *MOUTHPIECE*," said Rozema. "I'm thrilled to introduce Amy Nostbakken, Norah Sadava, and Maev Beaty to cinema audiences. That this movie was written, directed, shot, designed, edited, produced, and costume designed by women shouldn't feel special, but it is — and makes it all the more sweet."

MOUTHPIECE is a film by Crucial Things and First Generation Films and is produced by Rozema, Christina Piovesan, and Jennifer Shin. It is produced in association with Telefilm Canada, the CBC Breaking Barriers Film Fund, and the Ontario Media Development Corporation. Executive Producers are Alex Brisbane, Angela Brisbane, Martha McCain, Kathleen Ramsay, Martha Ramsay, and Maria Martin Stanley.

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

For film synopses, cast lists, images, and more information, see tiff.net/specialpresentations

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