

JESSICA FOREVER TO CLOSE TIFF 2018 PLATFORM PROGRAMME

World Premiere of Caroline Poggi and Jonathan Vinel's feature debut closes lineup



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TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today that the World Premiere of Caroline Poggi and Jonathan Vinel's highly anticipated feature-film debut, ***Jessica Forever***, will be the closing film of the Festival's 2018 Platform programme. The duo have previously collaborated on three critically acclaimed short films that have travelled the international festival circuit.

"*Jessica Forever* is among the most formally inventive titles in the lineup, and we are very pleased that it will be closing the programme," said TIFF Director & CEO Piers Handling. "This is exactly the kind of film that belongs in Platform: audacious, surprising, and effective in its futurism. We are excited to see how TIFF audiences will react to the film."

Jessica Forever presents a dystopian world where violent youths wreak havoc. Jessica, the first person to show love and understanding to some of these troubled souls, is the leader of a group of rehabilitated marauders who are on a quest to create a more peaceful world.

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"We are very happy to have *Jessica Forever* premiere in such a prestigious selection, and we feel really honoured," said the film's co-directors. "It will be the first public screening of our movie, so it's a strange mix between fear and joy. The Festival is also going to be our first trip to North America!"

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

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

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