

WORLD PREMIERE OF MATTHEW HEINEMAN'S *A PRIVATE WAR* JOINS TIFF GALA LINEUP

Gripping true story stars Rosamund Pike and Jamie Dornan



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TORONTO — TIFF announced today that Matthew Heineman's *A Private War* will make its world premiere at the 43rd Toronto International Film Festival[®] on Friday, September 14, at Roy Thomson Hall — joining the Festival's Gala Presentations lineup.

The film marks the feature narrative debut of critically acclaimed director Matthew Heineman (*Cartel Land*, *City of Ghosts*) whose previous work in documentary filmmaking has earned him an Academy Award nomination, two Primetime Emmy Awards, and two DGA wins for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Documentary Award.

A Private War, a biopic based on the true story of award-winning war correspondent Marie Colvin, stars

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Rosamund Pike (*Gone Girl*, *Hostiles*) in one of her most intense roles to date. Based on a blistering 2012 *Vanity Fair* article by Marie Brenner, the drama follows Colvin to the front lines of conflicts around the globe as she risks everything to reveal the truth. Pike is joined by supporting cast which includes Jamie Dornan (*The Fall*, *Fifty Shades of Grey*), Stanley Tucci (*The Lovely Bones*, *Spotlight*), and Tom Hollander (*The Night Manager*).

"*Gone Girl* showed the fire Rosamund Pike can bring to the big screen, and we're thrilled to give Toronto audiences the first chance to see Pike play the complex, real-life hero Marie Colvin in one of her strongest performances ever," said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of TIFF. "Heineman's narrative feature debut has been greatly anticipated – and having just wrapped post-production, the film is now perfectly timed to become the exciting new addition to our Gala lineup."

"It has been a deeply personal journey sharing the extraordinary story of Marie Colvin in *A Private War*," stated filmmaker Matthew Heineman. "We are so thrilled to be able to finish the film in time to premiere at TIFF and honored to share with the audiences there."

At a time when journalism itself is under attack, Marie Colvin is one of the world's most celebrated war correspondents. She is an utterly fearless and rebellious spirit, driven to the front lines of conflicts around the globe to give voice to the voiceless, while constantly testing the limit between bravery and bravado. After being wounded by a grenade in Sri Lanka, she wears a distinctive eye patch and is still as comfortable sipping martinis with London's elite as she is confronting dictators. Colvin sacrifices loving relationships, and over time her personal life starts to unravel as the trauma she has witnessed takes its toll. Yet her mission to show the true cost of war leads her to embark – along with renowned war photographer Paul Conroy (Dornan) – on the most dangerous assignment of her life, in the besieged Syrian city of Homs.

A Private War is directed by Matthew Heineman and written by Arash Amel. The film is an Aviron Pictures presentation in association with Tri G and The Fyzz Facility, and a Kamala Films, Thunder Road Films, Savvy Media Holdings, and Denver & Delilah Films production. Producers include Basil Iwanyk, Marissa McMahon, Matthew George, Heineman, and Charlize Theron. Executive producers are Erica Lee, Jonathan Fuhrman, Ashley Schlaifer, Jeffrey Sobrato, Joe Gelchion, Beth Kono, A.J. Dix, David Dinerstein, Jason Resnick, William Sadleir, Wayne Marc Godfrey, and Robert Jones. Bloom is handling international sales.

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

A Private War screening times at TIFF:

Friday, September 14, Roy Thomson Hall 6:30PM
Friday, September 14, Elgin Theatre 8PM
Sunday, September 16, Scotiabank Theatre 8:45PM

A Private War opens in US theatres on November 2.

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