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digital TIFF Bell Lightbox returns for a nationwide audience with the relaunch of TIFF's at-home content

Programming highlights include New Release *Martin Eden*, a restoration of *Memories of Murder*, and the return of popular series Reel Talk and Secret Movie Club

TORONTO – TIFF today announced that film lovers across Canada will once again be able to access **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox**, the organization's platform that was launched in July this year to reach audiences at home. Starting November 13, TIFF 2019 Platform Prize winner *Martin Eden* and a restoration of Bong Joon-ho's *Memories of Murder*, among others, will be available on **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox**, with further titles, series, and special guest conversations to be announced over the coming months.

"TIFF continues to look for every opportunity to keep doing what we do best: building bridges between great films and passionate audiences," said TIFF Co-Heads Cameron Bailey and Joana Vicente. "Our mission is to transform the way people see the world through film, and we're committed to keep bringing the very best of Canadian and world cinema to as many people as we can during this time."

As part of the relaunch, **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox** will bring the TIFF Cinematheque experience to film lovers' homes. Continuing to present some of the best art-house and archival cinema to audiences via the digital platform, the TIFF Cinematheque Presents shelf will allow cinephiles to enjoy stunning restorations and exclusive releases from the comfort of their homes, all across the country.

TIFF New Releases will offer audiences the best of what they have come to love about the Festival and TIFF's year-round programming. This thoughtfully curated selection of fan favourites and newly available titles kicks off with TIFF 2019 selection *Martin Eden*.

This month, TIFF also reintroduces the popular film series Reel Talk and Secret Movie Club, which will be presented to a nationwide audience for the first time through **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox**. Both series showcase not-yet-released titles that are announced at the time of the film's screening, so that audiences can enjoy a first look. Each digital event offers a thought-provoking, post-film discussion with a member of the film's team, a critic, or a subject-matter expert. Be the first to see some of the year's most exciting films from the safety and comfort of home with Secret Movie Club, or get a global snapshot of the best cinema from around the world at Reel Talk.

Every year, TIFF hosts many partner film festivals at TIFF Bell Lightbox, and this year TIFF is proud to support them by offering a platform for their films to be seen by an even larger audience from home. The Italian Contemporary Film Festival (ICFF), a partner festival since 2010, will present ICFF at Home on **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox**. From November 29 through December 8, ICFF will showcase the newest Italian feature films, shorts, and documentaries, accompanied by free virtual events.

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Opening November 13

New Releases

Martin Eden, dir. Pietro Marcello

Recent Favourites

A Fantastic Woman, dir. Sebastián Lelio

The Rider, dir. Chloé Zhao

TIFF Cinematheque Presents

Damnation, dir. Béla Tarr **New Restoration!**

Memories of Murder, dir. Bong Joon-ho **New Restoration!**

November 20

Reel Talk series launches

Opening November 24

New Releases

The Walrus and the Whistleblower, dir. Nathalie Bibeau

November 27

Secret Movie Club series launches

Opening December 1

New Releases

The Nest, dir. Sean Durkin

Possessor Uncut, dir. Brandon Cronenberg

Rocks, dir. Sarah Gavron

Additional screenings on **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox** and special guests will be announced in the coming weeks.

In 2021, TIFF will continue **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox** titles, series, and talks. Audiences can also look forward to the TIFF Next Wave Film Festival, TIFF's youth-led and youth-inspired festival, and more screenings and special events. **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox** expands TIFF's mission of its successful Film Circuit initiative by bringing great films and filmmakers to communities across Canada.

TIFF Bell Lightbox cinemas are currently closed for public film screenings. TIFF continues to work closely with the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and public health officials on the reopening of TIFF Bell Lightbox to audiences, our number-one priority being the health and well-being of the residents of our entire community. We will reassess reopening our cinemas in conjunction with provincial and city mandates as advised. TIFF will continue to monitor and communicate to our audiences any developments related to reopening and will adhere to the guidelines and recommendations made by government health officials.

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Tickets

Films on **digital TIFF Bell Lightbox** range in price from \$4.99 to \$11.99.

Individual tickets for Secret Movie Club (November 27, 2020 – April 16, 2021) and Reel Talk (November 20, 2020 – April 9, 2021) are \$16, while subscriptions to all events can be purchased for \$105 by the general public and \$98 by TIFF Members. Single tickets for New Releases start at \$5.99 and Cinematheque single tickets start at \$4.99. Memberships are available at tiff.net/membership.

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About TIFF

TIFF is a not-for-profit cultural organization whose mission is to transform the way people see the world through film. An international leader in film culture, TIFF projects include the annual Toronto International Film Festival in September; TIFF Bell Lightbox, which features five cinemas, major exhibitions, and learning and entertainment facilities; and innovative national distribution program Film Circuit. The organization generates an annual economic impact of \$189 million CAD. TIFF Bell Lightbox is generously supported by contributors including Founding Sponsor Bell, the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, the City of Toronto, the Reitman family (Ivan Reitman, Agi Mandel and Susan Michaels), The Daniels Corporation, and RBC. For more information, visit tiff.net.

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