

LIVE FOREVER AT BOOMBOX: TIFF'S ANNUAL PARTY WILL TRANSFORM THE LIGHTBOX INTO A *FAME*-INSPIRED MODERN SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

boombox is one of Toronto's unmissable fundraising events and will feature bold installations by emerging artists and performers using film, live art, VR, and dance



TORONTO — TIFF Bell Lightbox will be revamped into a massive modern school for the arts for **boombox**, TIFF's annual fundraising event on **Thursday, November 2**. Exploring the building, guests will immerse themselves in multi-sensory experiences inspired by the 1980 film's prestigious performing arts high school in New York City. Proceeds from this year's event will support **Share Her Journey**, a campaign to boost participation, skills, and opportunities for women behind and in front of the camera.

The night will be a choose-your-own adventure of music, art, film, and performance by emerging Toronto artists, each inspired by an area of TIFF's fall programme including **Black Star**, **Aabiziingwashi (Wide Awake/Unable to Sleep)**, **Canada on Screen** and **Filipino New Wave**.

The entire building will be transformed into a creative arts school, with each event space taking the form of a classroom, studio or common area. **DJ Beat Sampras** will kick off the celebration in the Atrium-turned-Auditorium. Next up will be **DJ Cool V** with performances by Indigenous dancers **Cylene Morrison**, **Leslie McCue**, **Angel Recollet** and **Jonathan Yellowhead**. To close out the night we are excited to have powerhouse DJs **Nino Brown & Dre Ngozi** as our headline act.

Director and producer **Raha Euphoria** will create an enveloping experience in an active film set in the TIFF Bell Lightbox Gallery. This up-close look at a music video production will incorporate live dance performance with 3D image-mapping and other projection technologies. The Loading Docks is a very different scene, an open creative space where "students" hang out and impromptu dance cyphers turn into breakdance and rap battles against the backdrop of the musical stylings of **DJ Xavier Pierre**. Luma Restaurant will be transformed into the school's Dance Studio for the evening, where guests will be treated to a rare view of the auditions, dress rehearsal and final presentation of a special dance performance and fashion show, directed and choreographed by **Fly Lady Di**. Finally, you don't want to miss celebrated artist **OLUSEYE**'s live art experience in the Bell Blue Room, where he will bring a painting of a vogue dancer to life throughout the night.

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Guests can also experience **2167**, the collection of virtual reality projects commissioned by TIFF, imagineNATIVE, Pinnguaq and the Initiative for Indigenous Futures as part of the Canada on Screen programme that asks Indigenous filmmakers and artists to envision Canada 150 years into the future. The works by **Kent Monkman, Danis Goulet, Scott Benesiinaabandan, and Postcommodity** will also be on display at TIFF Bell Lightbox during the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival.

Tickets to boombox are \$160 for the public, \$150 for TIFF Members and \$1600 for a Party Ticket Package that includes 12 tickets for the price of 10. Doors open at 9pm. Guests are encouraged to dress with the event theme in mind or in cocktail attire. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit tiff.net/boombox or call 416-599-TIFF (8433) or 1-888-599-8433.

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