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THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CLOSURES WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF KELLY FREMON CRAIG'S *THE EDGE OF SEVENTEEN*

Comedy-drama stars Hailee Steinfeld, Woody Harrelson and Kyra Sedgwick

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today the highly anticipated World Premiere of **Kelly Fremon Craig's *The Edge of Seventeen*** as the Closing Night Gala. Starring Hailee Steinfeld, Woody Harrelson, and Kyra Sedgwick, the Closing Night film will screen at Roy Thomson Hall on September 17.

The Edge of Seventeen marks the feature directorial debut of writer-director Kelly Fremon Craig and is produced by Academy Award winner James L. Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*, *Broadcast News*, *Big*, *Say Anything*, *The Simpsons*, *Jerry Maguire* and *As Good as It Gets*).

"It's always a pleasure to close the Festival with laughter," said Piers Handling, Director and CEO, TIFF. "*The Edge of Seventeen* is an entertaining and witty coming-of-age tale that will leave audiences smiling long after the lights have come up."

"We're thrilled to introduce Festival audiences to Kelly Fremon Craig's feature film debut, *The Edge of Seventeen*," said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of the Toronto International Film Festival. "As the film's writer-director, Kelly captures perfectly the angst and energy of being a teenager, while Academy Award nominees Hailee Steinfeld and Woody Harrelson deliver great performances."

"It's an enormous honour that *The Edge of Seventeen* has been chosen as TIFF's closing night film," said writer-director Kelly Fremon Craig. "This film has been a real labour of love from start to finish, and it's a joy to see it resonating so much with audiences. I'm thrilled and humbled that *The Edge of Seventeen* will close out the Festival."

The Edge of Seventeen follows high school junior Nadine (Hailee Steinfeld), who is already at peak awkwardness when her all-star older brother Darian (Blake Jenner) starts dating her best friend Krista (Haley Lu Richardson). All at once, Nadine feels more alone than ever, until the unexpected friendship of a thoughtful boy (Hayden Szeto) gives her a glimmer of hope that things just might not be so terrible after all.

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