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NEWS RELEASE

THE NEW PICKS ON THE BLOCK

TIFF KIDS AND TIFF NEXT WAVE LINEUPS ENGAGE AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES

TORONTO — The youngest cinephiles will easily find their Festival favourites at this year's Toronto International Film Festival®. The TIFF Kids and TIFF Next Wave selections, announced today, deliver age-appropriate films curated for young audiences and — in the case of the Next Wave committee — *by* young audiences.

"Curating film selections with our younger Festival-goers in mind allows us to bring the same transformative films from around the world to a new generation of film lovers," said Elizabeth Muskala, Director, Youth Learning and TIFF Kids. "There is a film for everyone at the Festival; families and young cinephiles have a special place here at TIFF, and we hope this movie-going experience inspires future filmmakers and critics alike."

TIFF Kids is curated by Elizabeth Muskala and features three memorable films — two of which are World Premieres — that explore themes of family, courage, acceptance, and humour. The selection features two page-to-screen adaptations: *The Breadwinner*, the remarkable story of a young Afghan girl finding strength in the love of her family and the power of storytelling; and *I Kill Giants*, based on the acclaimed graphic novel by Joe Kelly and directed by Academy Award winner Anders Walter. *The Big Bad Fox & Other Tales* is a comical story of life in the countryside and the hijinks that ensue as animals try to get along.

This year's TIFF Next Wave lineup features a record 12 titles, including the first-ever selection from the Primetime programme. The Next Wave line-up comes from the TIFF Next Wave committee, a group of young film buffs responsible for selecting the films they believe their peers would most enjoy.

"We look out for titles that capture the essence of youth and how that is portrayed all around the world," said Next Wave committee member, Dasola Dina. "These 12 titles spark difficult conversations and will challenge everyone to be better to themselves and more perceptive of other people's experiences. It's a great feeling to help make our peers feel seen through the Festival while we're getting ready for the TIFF Next Wave Festival in February, which acts as a hub for creative and diverse young people in Toronto."

For more about the lineups, film synopses, cast lists, images and more information, see tiff.net/kidstiff17 and tiff.net/nextwavetiff17.

The 42nd Toronto International Film Festival runs from September 7 to 17, 2017.

TIFF KIDS

The Big Bad Fox & Other Tales (*Le Grand Méchant Renard et autres contes*) Benjamin Renner, Patrick Imbert, France
North American Premiere (Contemporary World Cinema)
Recommended for ages 8 and up

The Breadwinner Nora Twomey, Canada/Ireland/Luxembourg
World Premiere (Special Presentations)
Recommended for ages 10 and up

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I Kill Giants Anders Walter, United Kingdom
World Premiere (Discovery)
Recommended for ages 12 and up

TIFF NEXT WAVE

AVA Sadaf Foroughi, Iran/Canada/Qatar
World Premiere (Discovery)

Call Me By Your Name Luca Guadagnino, Italy/France
Canadian Premiere (Special Presentations)

Dark Germany, 2 episodes
Showrunners: Baran bo Odar, Jantje Friese
Director: Baran bo Odar
World Premiere (Primetime)

High Fantasy Jenna Bass, South Africa
World Premiere (Discovery)

Killing Jesus (*Matar a Jesús*) Laura Mora, Colombia/Argentina
World Premiere (Discovery)

Lady Bird Greta Gerwig, USA
International Premiere (Special Presentations)

Scaffolding (*Pigumim*) Matan Yair, Israel/Poland
North American Premiere (Discovery)

Sheikh Jackson (*Al Sheikh Jackson*) Amr Salama, Egypt
World Premiere (Special Presentations)

The Rider Chloé Zhao, USA
Canadian Premiere (Special Presentations)

Unicorn Store Brie Larson, USA
World Premiere (Special Presentations)

What Will People Say (*Hva vil folk si*) Iram Haq, Norway/Germany/Sweden
World Premiere (Contemporary World Cinema)

Youth (*Fāng Huá*) Feng Xiaogang, China
World Premiere (Special Presentations)

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The 2017 Toronto International Film Festival Official Film Schedule was released today and is available at TIFF Bell Lightbox or at tiff.net/schedule.

Festival tickets go on sale September 4 at 10am (with TIFF Member pre-sale on September 2 from 10am to 4pm). Buy tickets online at tiff.net, by phone at 416.599.TIFF or 1.888.599.8433, or in person at a box office. See box office locations and hours at tiff.net/tickets. New this year: enjoy daytime Festival screenings on weekdays for \$10 if you're 25 or under!

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