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TIFF SELECTS THE YEAR'S BEST WITH THE 2020 TIFF CANADA'S TOP TEN LIST

Films from icons and up-and-comers named best of the year

TORONTO — Today, TIFF announced its selections for the year's best in Canadian film, the annual TIFF Canada's Top Ten. This list, compiled by the TIFF programming team, features films from some of Canada's most important emerging and established voices and represents the stories of our nation right now.

"In the wake of one of the most challenging years our industry has ever seen, TIFF is glad to celebrate these phenomenal Canadian filmmakers," said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director and Co-Head of TIFF. "The films selected to the TIFF Canada's Top Ten list are of the moment and embody the rich storytelling and perspectives we need right now."

Among the 10 shorts and features chosen are films that have received Canadian and international recognition including awards from the Toronto International Film Festival, imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Inside Out LGBT Film Festival, and Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival plus this year's TIFF People's Choice Documentary Award winner. On this year's list, there are seven first or second features, and films by six filmmakers of colour and three Indigenous filmmakers. Forty percent of the features are directed or co-directed by women, while 50 percent of the shorts were directed or co-directed by women.

"Canada is one of the most diverse countries in the world, and it is thanks to this diversity that we're able to see such a range of voices and stories featured on this year's list," said Joana Vicente, Executive Director and Co-Head of TIFF. "We're so proud to announce these films which truly reflect the spirit of the people in Canada, and it is our hope that they and others around the world seek them out and allow themselves to be enriched by their stories.'

TIFF's Top Ten Canadian films of 2020 are:

Features

Beans Tracey Deer | Quebec/Ontario

Fauna Nicolás Pereda | Ontario

Funny Boy Deepa Mehta | Ontario

Inconvenient Indian Michelle Latimer | Ontario

Judy Versus Capitalism Mike Hoolboom | Ontario

The Kid Detective Evan Morgan | Ontario

Nadia, Butterfly Pascal Plante | Quebec

The Nest Sean Durkin | Ontario

No Ordinary Man Aisling Chin-Yee, Chase Joynt | Quebec

Possessor Brandon Cronenberg | Ontario

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Shorts

Aniksha Vincent Toi | Quebec
The Archivists Igor Drljača | Ontario/British Columbia
Benjamin, Benny, Ben Paul Shkordoff | Ontario
Black Bodies Kelly Fyffe-Marshall | Ontario
êmîcêtôcêt: Many Bloodlines Theola Ross | Manitoba
Foam (Écume) Omar Elhamy | Quebec
How To Be At Home Andrea Dorfman | Nova Scotia
Scars Alex Anna | Quebec
Sing Me a Lullaby Tiffany Hsiung | Ontario
Stump The Guesser Guy Maddin, Evan Johnson, Galen Johnson | Manitoba

The Nest and *Possessor* are currently available to rent on digital TIFF Bell Lightbox and TIFF plans to feature other Canada's Top Ten selections in the near future.

TIFF Canada's Top Ten features list was selected by TIFF's internal programming team (Cameron Bailey, Diana Sanchez, and Steve Gravestock). Films that screened at a Canadian or international film Festival were considered for inclusion. Short films were selected by TIFF programmers Robyn Citizen and Steve Gravestock in consultation with Short Cuts programmers Jason Anderson and Lisa Haller.

For more information and film stills, please see tiff.net/topten.

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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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