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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**TIFF PRESENTS A SPECIAL ONLINE CONVERSATION ON  
POLICING BLACK LIVES AND POLICE PORTRAYALS IN FILM AND TV  
TIFF + Bell Media's Crave announce additional virtual chat and screening for  
Stay-at-Home Cinema experience to mark Juneteenth**

**TORONTO** — On June 16, TIFF will explore the representation of the policing of Black lives with a special conversation hosted by Cameron Bailey. Then, on June 19, the TIFF + Crave Stay-at-Home Cinema experience returns with Steve McQueen's thriller **Widows**.

On Tuesday, June 16 at 7pm EDT, Cameron Bailey will host a special online conversation via [tiff.net](http://tiff.net) on policing Black lives and police portrayals in film and TV. Special guests include visual culture scholar Nataleah Hunter-Young; Dr. Courtney Baker, an Associate Professor at the University of California; and award-winning Toronto filmmaker Clement Virgo. Viewers are encouraged to continue the conversation on Twitter.

"It's essential for TIFF to utilize our platforms and initiatives to amplify Black voices," said Bailey, TIFF Artistic Director and Co-Head. "Images matter, and their ability to persuade audiences will ensure these imperative conversations continue until systemic racism within the industry is dismantled."

Friday, June 19 marks Juneteenth, the oldest national commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. To mark this date, Stay-at-Home Cinema presents a stand-out film by a Black artist, the TIFF 2018 selection **Widows**, accompanied by a Q&A at 7pm EDT via livestream at [tiff.net](http://tiff.net). Bailey's special guest for the Q&A is yet to be confirmed. Following the chat, audiences are invited to watch **Widows** on Crave.

Amplifying Black voices and learning from Black experiences is imperative in confronting systemic racism and social oppression. In solidarity with Black communities across Canada and in line with [Bell Media's Content Diversity Task Force](#), Crave is shining a light on Black stories with two curated collections: [The Continued Fight for Civil Rights](#) and [Black Excellence](#) (which includes the film **Widows**).

Stay-at-Home Cinema continues to bring impactful films to moviegoers and provide industry perspective with special guests. Additional movie titles — all available on Crave — are announced weekly on TIFF and Crave's social media channels.

For more information, please visit [tiff.net](http://tiff.net) and [crave.ca](http://crave.ca).

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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](http://tiff.net).

**About Crave**

Delivering more Oscar®-nominated and Emmy® Award-winning programming than any other service, Crave is Canada's prestige entertainment offering, with HBO, SHOWTIME®, Starz, Hollywood-hit movies, a superior collection of kid's movies and programs, and thousands of hours of acclaimed television series, specials, factual programming, and originals that can't be found anywhere else.

Crave is the exclusive home of HBO in Canada, delivering HBO's current slate of signature dramatic and comedic programs, documentaries, films, and live specials, as well as titles from HBO's extensive off-air library. Crave is also home to current SHOWTIME series and specials, and past SHOWTIME hits. Crave Original hit series include comedies LETTERKENNY and NEW EDEN; CRAVINGS: THE AFTERSHOW with Lainey Lui; HEALTHY IS HOT with Chloe Wilde; candid interview series MUCH STUDIOS PRESENTS: MIKE ON MUCH IN CONVERSATION WITH...; a series of original stand-up specials; the upcoming competition series CANADA'S DRAG RACE; and the upcoming apocalyptic original comedic documentary series WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE.

Crave is a major supporter of Canada's production industry, helping to fund and develop numerous film and documentary projects including feature films THE SONG OF NAMES, WHITE LIE, and THE GRIZZLIES among others, as well as Crave Original Documentaries ONCE WERE BROTHERS: ROBBIE ROBERTSON AND THE BAND, SHARKWATER: EXTINCTION, YOU ARE HERE: A COME FROM AWAY STORY, and ANTHROPOCENE: THE HUMAN EPOCH. Crave also includes acclaimed selections from the Toronto International Film Festival which are featured in two exclusive collections: Best of TIFF and TIFF Selects.

Crave is a bilingual TV and streaming service with more than 6,000 hours of exclusive French-language content included with the Super Écran add-on. Crave is available directly to all Canadians with access to the Internet at [Crave.ca](http://Crave.ca), via iOS and Android, and other platforms. It's also available in English through

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