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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## TIFF UNVEILS THE TOP TEN CANADIAN FILMS OF 2018

**The year's best films, from Jennifer Baichwal, Keith Behrman, Patricia Rozema, and more**

**TORONTO** – TIFF® has today unveiled its Canada's Top Ten list of features and short films of 2018. Compiled by TIFF's team of programmers in collaboration with film experts from across the country, the list showcases the best in Canadian screen storytelling: 10 must-see movies presenting the latest work by some of Canada's finest filmmakers, and 10 essential shorts from exciting new voices and bold innovators.

"TIFF is thrilled to present its uniquely Canadian list that offers a richness of voices, perspectives, and insights into adolescent identity," says Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director and Co-Head of TIFF. "These films expertly examine heritage, family, the fragility of friendships, and the importance of challenging the current state of our world, and are testament to the fact that our Canadian filmmakers are among the most daring and innovative. TIFF is incredibly proud to celebrate their tremendous achievements in 2018."

This year's Top Ten list – spanning regions across Canada – covers a range of genres, from science fiction to fantasy, from myth to documentary. The list features four directorial debuts, three Indigenous filmmakers, and the first feature-length film made in Haida, a UNESCO-classified endangered language. The shorts and features lineups showcase works by 11 of Canada's most talented female filmmakers.

New this year, in a move to further amplify its support of Canadian creators, TIFF will offer a theatrical run at TIFF Bell Lightbox of the Top Ten features, a crucial opportunity for filmmakers to present their work to audiences on the big screen. The Top Ten Canadian shorts will be presented in a winter screening as part of TIFF's year-round shorts programming.

The TIFF Top Ten Canadian Films of 2018 are:

### Features

**ANTHROPOCENE: The Human Epoch** Jennifer Baichwal, Nicholas de Pencier, Edward Burtynsky | Ontario

**Sgaawaay K'uuna (Edge of the Knife)** Gwaai Edenshaw, Helen Haig-Brown | British Columbia

**Firecrackers** Jasmin Mozaffari | Ontario

**The Fireflies Are Gone (La disparition des lucioles)** Sébastien Pilote | Quebec

**Freaks** Zach Lipovsky, Adam Stein | British Columbia

**Genèse (Genesis)** Philippe Lesage | Quebec

**Giant Little Ones** Keith Behrman | Ontario

**MOUTHPIECE** Patricia Rozema | Ontario

**Roads in February (Les routes en février)** Katherine Jerkovic | Quebec

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**What Walaa Wants** Christy Garland | Ontario

## Shorts

**Paseo** Matthew Hannam | Ontario

**Veslemøy's Song** Sofia Bohdanowicz | Ontario

**My Dead Dad's Porno Tapes** Charlie Tyrell | Ontario

**The Subject** (*Le sujet*) Patrick Bouchard | Quebec

**Brotherhood** (*Ikhwène*) Meryam Joobeur | Quebec

**Fauve** Jérémy Comte | Quebec

**ALTIPLANO** Malena Szlam | Quebec

**Accidence** Guy Maddin, Evan Johnson, Galen Johnson | Manitoba

**Biidaaban** (*The Dawn Comes*) Amanda Strong | British Columbia

**Little Waves** (*Les petites vagues*) Ariane Louis-Seize | Quebec

The Canada's Top Ten list was curated by TIFF's internal programming team (features by Cameron Bailey, Kerri Craddock, Steve Gravestock, Danis Goulet, Ming-Jenn Lim, and Kathleen Drumm; shorts by Jason Anderson, Lisa Haller, Lydia Ogowang, Laura Good, and Geoff Macnaughton), in collaboration with the Vancouver Film Critics Circle and the Association québécoise des critiques de cinéma.

TIFF will celebrate the films and their filmmakers at a special Canada's Top Ten cocktail event at TIFF Bell Lightbox this evening.

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TIFF is a charitable 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).

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