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## **TIFF'S FIPRESCI JURY ANNOUNCES 2019 AWARD WINNERS**

**TORONTO** – Today the Toronto International Film Festival<sup>®</sup> and the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) Jury announced this year's prize winners at a reception at the Bisha Hotel, hosted by Joana Vicente, Executive Director and Co-Head of TIFF. The jury, now in its 28th year at the Festival, is comprised of Jury President Rita di Santo (UK), Frédéric Jaeger (Germany), Liam Lacey (Canada), Ruben Peralta Rigaud (Dominican Republic), Müge Turan (Turkey), and Claire Valade (Canada).

The FIPRESCI Prize for the Discovery programme is awarded to Heather Young for **Murmur**, which the jury selected "for its impressive, minimalist, and precise storytelling — both in its structure and its use of static camerawork and framing — and for its empathetic and powerful simplicity in deconstructing the effects of an addictive personality."

The FIPRESCI Prize for the Special Presentations programme is awarded to Coky Giedroyc for *How to Build a Girl*. "Led by a performance by Beanie Feldstein, our winning film is a witty and heartfelt story of an irrepressible teenage girl who breaks into the snooty boys' club of English rock criticism, loses her soul, and then gains it back again. Congratulations to *How to Build a Girl*," said the jury.

TIFF will announce further Festival award winners, including the Grolsch People's Choice Award, on Sunday, September 15.

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