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LADY BIRD TO OPEN SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS PROGRAMME AT 2017 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Greta Gerwig's solo directorial debut opens Special Presentations Programme at TIFF

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today *Lady Bird* as the Opening film of the Special Presentations Programme. Written and directed by Greta Gerwig, the film stars Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf, Tracy Letts, Lucas Hedges, Timothee Chalamet and Beanie Feldstein.

“We are so pleased to announce *Lady Bird* as the Special Presentations opener and we know from *Frances Ha* and *Mistress America* that Greta Gerwig is an accomplished screenwriter,” said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of TIFF. “*Lady Bird* proves she can direct the hell out of a movie as well.”

Lady Bird is an IAC Films Production, produced by Scott Rudin, Eli Bush and Evelyn O’Neill.

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

Festival ticket packages start at \$105. Purchase packages online at tiff.net/tickets, by phone (416.599.TIFF or 1.888.599.8433), or in person at TIFF Bell Lightbox until August 13 while quantities last.

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