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TIFF 2019 CANADIAN SHORT-FILM SLATE PRESENTS A MULTITUDE OF FRESH NEW TALENT & RETURNING DIRECTORS WITH CUTTING-EDGE WORKS

Including new films from Academy Award nominee Theodore Ushev, Brandon Cronenberg, Chloé Robichaud, and previous Short Cuts Award winners Alexandre Dostie and Renuka Jeyapalan

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced 25 diverse and engaging Canadian short films that are set to premiere at this year's Festival. The Canadian Short Cuts 2019 slate includes new works by Short Cuts alumni, award-winning directors, and emerging talents, and directorial efforts by acclaimed Canadian actors Aaron Poole and Sofia Banzhaf.

Among this strong group of storytellers are female filmmakers, making up 56% of the Canadian Short Cuts directors, and two Indigenous filmmakers.

"It's been a pleasure and privilege to consider the hundreds of submissions we've had from filmmakers across Canada and select these talents for this year's lineup," said Short Cuts Lead Programmer Jason Anderson. "We are also excited to showcase the huge diversity of voices represented in these amazing works, which range in theme and subject from the experiences of young people, to family dynamics, to the reclamation of identities and traditions in Indigenous communities."

"This year's Canadian Short Cuts selection includes a variety of works from women, people of colour, and Indigenous filmmakers, whose stories are, sadly, frequently under-represented," added Short Cuts programmer Robyn Citizen. "It is an honour to bring these perspectives to our audiences."

All 20 Canadian films in the Short Cuts programme are eligible for the IWC Short Cuts Award for Best Canadian Short Film and the IWC Short Cuts Award for Best Short Film.

In addition to the 20 films included in Short Cuts, there are five Canadian works in the Wavelengths programme, screening as part of the Wavelengths short-film section or paired with another title.

The 44th Toronto International Film Festival runs September 5–15, 2019.

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SHORT CUTS

Delphine Chloé Robichaud | Canada
North American Premiere

The Depths Ariane Louis-Seize | Canada
World Premiere

Flood Joseph Amenta | Canada
World Premiere

God's Nightmares Daniel Cockburn | Canada/United Kingdom
World Premiere

Highway To Heaven Sandra Ignagni | Canada
World Premiere

Hot Flash Thea Hollatz | Canada
World Premiere

I Am in the World as Free and Slender as a Deer on a Plain Sofia Banzhaf | Canada
World Premiere

I'll End Up in Jail Alexandre Dostie | Canada
North American Premiere

It's Nothing Anna Maguire | Canada
World Premiere

Jarvik Emilie Mannering | Canada
World Premiere

Life Support Renuka Jeyapalan | Canada
World Premiere

Measure Karen Chapman | Canada
World Premiere

No Crying At The Dinner Table Carol Nguyen | Canada
World Premiere

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Now is the Time Christopher Auchter | Canada
World Premiere

Oracle Aaron Poole | Canada
World Premiere

Please Speak Continuously And Describe Your Experiences As They Come To You Brandon Cronenberg |
Canada
North American Premiere

The Physics of Sorrow Theodore Ushev | Canada
World Premiere

Rebel Pier-Philippe Chevigny | Canada
World Premiere

This Ink Runs Deep Asia Youngman | Canada
World Premiere

Volcano Karen Moore | Canada
World Premiere

WAVELENGTHS

2008 Blake Williams | Canada
World Premiere

Book of Hours Annie MacDonell | Canada
World Premiere

Hrvoji, Look at You From the Tower Ryan Ferko | Canada/Serbia/Croatia/Slovenia
World Premiere

My Skin, Luminous (*Mi Piel, Luminosa*) Gabino Rodríguez, Nicolás Pereda | Mexico/Canada
North American Premiere

Second Generation Miryam Charles | Canada
North American Premiere

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