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FRENCH EXCELLENCE IN TORONTO

With a line-up of 28 French films (18 feature films and 10 shorts), Toronto this year favors a cinema of quality from a selection of talented filmmakers delivering a range of films showcasing the richness of French cinema. We are at the same time honored by some TIFF’s regulars (such as Olivier Assayas, Jacques Audiard, Mia Hansen-Løve, Louis Garrel or Gaspar Noé) and proud to welcome some new faces among which Tom Volf, Caroline Poggi and Jonathan Vinel presenting their first feature at the festival. TIFF continues for the second year its campaign “Share Her Journey”, championing women in the cinema industry with a 5 years’ goal of raising $3 million.

WOMEN FRONT AND CENTER

The constant struggle for women’s empowerment is necessary now more than ever. And it’s no coincidence that women are under the spotlight at this year’s festival both in front and behind the camera. We see them in socially engaged features fighting for their freedom in Kurdistan (Girls of the Sun by Éva Husson) or inspiring rebirth in India to a man previously kept in captivity (Maya by Mia Hansen-Løve). They are an important part of French history (Mademoiselle de Joncquières by Emmanuel Mouret) and could well control our future (Jessica Forever by Caroline Poggi and Jonathan Vinel). In Sibel by Çağla Zencirci and Guillaume Giovanetti, a young mute woman, in the mountains of Turkey, will try to be heard. Tom Volf brings back to life one of the best opera star ever known in Maria by Callas. And to pay tribute to Claire Denis’ exceptional work, we are delighted to present some of her finest works as well as a masterclass in a special retrospective.

A VERY ENGAGED AND INTERNATIONAL LINE-UP

The strength of French cinema lies in its ability to open to other cultures. Many films of this year’s line-up reflect the diversity of French cinema whether it’s with the life of Thailand villagers affected by the sudden arrival of refugees (Manta Ray by Phuttiphong Aroonpheng) or with the reflection on the trauma caused by political and racial conflicts both in China (Dead Souls by Wang Bing) and Cambodia (Graves Without a Name by Rithy Panh). On a totally different note, in his highly anticipated feature The Sisters Brothers, Jacques Audiard revisits the Western genre with a traditional manhunt in the American Rockies.

“My life-long love of French cinema continues to pay rewards. This year’s selection is as stimulating as ever. Bold, creative work is being made by the established filmmakers while new directors continue to emerge proving that the future is in good hands.”

Piers Handling
TIFF Director & CEO

UNIFRANCE

For more than 65 years, UniFrance has been using its experience of the international marketplace to support French cinema worldwide. UniFrance is based in Paris and also has representatives in New York, Seoul, Beijing and Tokyo. Its membership brings together around 1,000 French producers, filmmaking talents, agents and sales companies, which are working together to promote French film among foreign audiences, industry executives and media.

Serge Toubiana (UniFrance President)
Isabelle Giordano (UniFrance Executive Director)
ATTENDING TALENTS IN TORONTO*

Phuttiphong Aroonpheng (1), Olivier Assayas (2), Jacques Audiard (3), Aarshi Banerjee (4), Sébastien Betbeder (5), Sofia Boutella (6), Thomas Cailley (7), Laetitia Casta (8), Claire Denis (9), Lily-Rose Depp (10), Louis Garrel (11), Mia Hansen-Løve (12), Isabelle Huppert (13), Éva Husson (14), Roman Kolinka (15), Mélanie Laurent (16), Garance Marillier (17), Emmanuel Mouret (18), Gaspar Noé (19), Rithy Panh (20), Léa Seydoux (21), Thomas Szabo (22), Jonathan Vinel & Caroline Poggi (23), Tom Volf (24), Wang Bing (25), Çağla Zencirci & Guillaume Giovanetti (26).

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**Climax**

*Director:* Gaspar Noé  
*Cast:* Sofia Boutella, Romain Guillermic, Souheila Yacoub, Kiddy Smile, Claude Cajan Maull  
*International Sales:* Wild Bunch  
*US Distributor:* A24  
*Canadian Distributor:* Raven Banner Entertainment

Birth and death are extraordinary experiences. Life is a fleeting pleasure...

**Attending:** Gaspar Noé & Sofia Boutella

09/09 11:59PM (PS/V8), 09/10 11:15AM (P&I/V2), 09/16 10:00PM (PS/V2)

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**Dead Souls**

*Director:* Wang Bing  
*International Sales:* Doc & Film International  
*US Distributor:* Icarus Films  
*Canadian Distributor:* Icarus Films (English-speaking Canada)

In Gansu Province lie the remains of countless prisoners abandoned 60 years ago. Designated as “ultra-rightists” in the Communist Party’s Anti-Rightist campaign of 1957, they starved to death in the Jiabiangou and Mingshui reeducation camps. The film invites us to meet the survivors, to find out who these persons were, the hardships they were forced to endure and what became their destiny.

**Attending:** Wang Bing

09/06 4:30PM (P&I/V2), 09/07 9:45AM (PS/V3), 09/14 3:00PM (PS/V3)

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**A Faithful Man**

*L’Homme fidèle*  
*World Premiere*

*Director:* Louis Garrel  
*Cast:* Louis Garrel, Laetitia Casta, Lily-Rose Depp  
*International Sales:* Wild Bunch

Marianne leaves Abel for Paul, his best friend and the father of her unborn child. Eight years later, Paul dies. Abel and Marianne get back together, arousing feelings of jealousy in both Marianne’s son, Joseph, and Paul’s sister, Eva, who has secretly loved Abel since childhood.

**Attending:** Louis Garrel, Laetitia Casta & Lily-Rose Depp

09/09 11:15AM (P&I/V2), 09/09 5:00PM (PS/V2), 09/11 3:45PM (PS/V2), 09/12 4:00PM (P&I/V2), 09/14 9:00AM (PS/V2)
Girls of the Sun
Les Filles du soleil
Director: Éva Husson
Cast: Golshifteh Farahani, Emmanuelle Bercot
International Sales: Elle Driver
US Distributor: Cohen Media Group
Canadian Distributor: Pacific Northwest Pictures

Somewhere in Kurdistan, Bahar, commander of the “Girls of the Sun” battalion, is preparing to liberate her hometown from the hands of extremists, hoping to find her son who is held hostage. A French journalist, Mathilde, comes to cover the attack and bear witness to the story of these exceptional warriors. Since their lives have been turned upside down, they have all been fighting for the same cause: Women, Life, Liberty.

Attending: Éva Husson
09/06 3:30PM (P&I/V2), 09/06 9:00PM (PS/V2), 09/08 9:15AM (PS/V1)

115 min

Graves Without a Name
Les Tombeaux sans noms
Director: Rithy Panh
International Sales: Playtime

After The Missing Picture (Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film) and Exile, Rithy Panh continues his personal and spiritual exploration. Graves Without a Name searches for a path to peace. When a child, who lost the greater part of his family under the Khmer Rouge, embarks on a search for their graves, whether clay or on spiritual ground, what does he find there?

Attending: Rithy Panh
09/07 11:30AM (P&I/V2), 09/07 6:45PM (PS/V1), 09/09 9:00AM (PS/V3), 09/11 3:00PM (P&I/V2), 09/16 9:30AM (PS/V2)

115 min

Jessica Forever
Directors: Caroline Poggi & Jonathan Vinel
Cast: Aomi Muyock, Lukas Ionesco, Paul Hamy
International Sales: mk2 films

Jessica is the leader of a group of lost boys with a violent past who now seek peace and harmony. She is the only one to have ever brought them love and understanding. They only wish to create a world where they can live in peace together, and forever.

Attending: Caroline Poggi & Jonathan Vinel
09/07 10:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/10 4:15PM (P&I/V2), 09/12 9:30PM (PS/V6), 09/13 12:00PM (PS/V1), 09/14 12:45PM (P&I/V2), 09/16 3:15PM (PS/V1)

97 min
**French Films in Toronto**

**Feature Films**

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**Manta Ray**

**Director:** Phuttiphonh Aroonpheng  
**Cast:** Wanlop Rungkumjad, Aphisit Hama, Rasmee Wayrana  
**International Sales:** Jour2Fête

Near a coastal village of Thailand, by the sea where thousands of Rohingya refugees have drowned, a local fisherman finds an injured man lying unconscious in the forest. He rescues the stranger, who does not speak a word, offers him his friendship and names him Thongchai. But when the fisherman suddenly disappears at sea, Thongchai slowly begins to take over his friend’s life – his house, his job and his ex-wife...

**Attending:** Phuttiphonh Aroonpheng

- 09/09 4:30PM (P&I/V2), 09/10 7:45PM (PS/V1), 09/12 2:15PM (PS/V3), 09/12 7:15PM (P&I/V2), 09/15 3:30PM (PS/V2)

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**Mademoiselle de Joncquières**

**Director:** Emmanuel Mouret  
**Cast:** Cécile de France, Édouard Baer, Alice Isaaz  
**International Sales:** Indie Sales

1750, Louis XV reigns over the Kingdom of France. The Marquis des Arcis, an assumed libertine, falls madly in love with Madame de La Pommeraye, an attractive widow withdrawn from the world. When he finally quickly tires of her, she seeks revenge and enlists the services of two prostitutes, Madame de Joncquières and her daughter, a young 20-year-old woman of rare beauty...

**Attending:** Emmanuel Mouret

- 09/07 3:30PM (P&I/V2), 09/08 5:30PM (PS/V6), 09/09 8:30AM (PS/V1), 09/11 9:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/14 10:00AM (P&I/V2), 09/16 9:15AM (PS/V1)

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**Maria by Callas**

**Director:** Tom Volf  
**With:** Maria Callas, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Onassis, Fanny Ardant  
**International Sales:** mk2 films  
**US Distributor:** Sony Pictures Classics  
**Canadian Distributor:** MK2 | MILE END

For the first time, 40 years after her death, the most famous opera singer ever tells her own story – in her own words. Featuring previously unknown footage, unseen photographs, personal Super 8 films, private live recordings, intimate letters and rare behind-the-scenes archival footage for the first time in color.

**Attending:** Tom Volf

- 09/08 11:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/10 6:45PM (PS/V1), 09/13 9:15PM (PS/V2)

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**PS Public screening**  
**P&I Press & Industry screening**

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Maya  
**World Premiere**  
**Director:** Mia Hansen-Løve  
**Cast:** Roman Kolinka, Aarshi Banerjee, Alex Descas  
**International Sales:** Orange Studio  
December 2012. Two French reporters are released after months of captivity in Syria. One of them, Gabriel, is just shy of 30. A few months later, Gabriel realizes that he cannot rebuild his life in Paris. He leaves for India, for his childhood home in Goa. There, close to his roots, he meets Maya, his godfather’s daughter. She is 18. With her, Gabriel feels reborn...  

**Attending:** Mia Hansen-Løve, Roman Kolinka & Aarshi Banerjee  
09/10 1:30PM (P&I/V2), 09/11 1:15PM (P&I/V2), 09/12 6:00PM (PS/V2), 09/13 12:15PM (PS/V1), 09/16 10:00AM (PS/V2)

Minuscule - Mandibles from Far Away  
Minuscule - Les Mandibules du Bout du Monde  
**Directors:** Hélène Giraud & Thomas Szabo  
**International Sales (except US):** Futurikon  
**US sales:** Backup Media / UTA  
In a little country village, a young ladybug gets trapped in a cardboard box shipped to the Caribbean. His parent sets off for Guadeloupe to rescue him. There, our hero will have to find his offspring and save his new Caribbean ladybug friends’ home threatened by a human construction site. Thankfully he can count on his friend the black ant that flies to the rescue from the other side of the world.  

**Attending:** Thomas Szabo  
09/09 4:45PM (PS/V2), 09/10 11:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/12 4:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/16 12:30PM (PS/V2)

Non-Fiction  
Doubles vies  
**Director:** Olivier Assayas  
**Cast:** Juliette Binoche, Guillaume Canet, Vincent Macaigne, Nora Hamzawi, Christa Théret  
**International Sales:** Playtime  
**US Distributor:** IFC Films / Sundance Selects  
**Canadian Distributor:** Axia Films  
Alain, a successful Parisian publisher struggling to adapt to the digital revolution, has major doubts about the new manuscript of Léonard, one of his long-time authors – another work of auto-fiction recycling his love affair with a minor celebrity. Selena, Alain’s wife, a famous stage actress, is of the opposite opinion.  

**Attending:** Olivier Assayas  
09/06 11:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/11 4:30PM (PS/V4), 09/12 9:30AM (PS/V1), 09/12 11:30AM (P&I/V2)
Sibel
Directors: Çağla Zencirci & Guillaume Giovanetti
Cast: Damla Sönmez, Emin Gürsoy, Erkan Kolçak Köstendil, Elit İşcan, Meral Çetinkaya
International Sales: Pyramide International

Sibel, 25, lives in a village of Turkey’s Black Sea Mountains. She is mute, but still communicates in the ancestral local whistled language. Rejected by most people, she relentlessly hunts down a wolf in the forest, sparking off fears and fantasies among the village women. There she crosses path with a fugitive. Injured, threatening and vulnerable, he is the first one to take a fresh look at her.

Attending: Çağla Zencirci & Guillaume Giovanetti

09/09 12:00PM (P&I/V2), 09/12 6:00PM (PS/V1), 09/13 3:00PM (PS/V2), 09/15 3:15PM (PS/V2)

The Sisters Brothers
Director: Jacques Audiard
Cast: John C. Reilly, Joaquin Phoenix, Jake Gyllenhaal, Riz Ahmed
International Sales: Insiders
US Distributor: Annapurna Pictures
Canadian Distributor: Elevation Pictures

Charlie and Eli Sisters are killers. It’s their job. Charlie was born to it. But Eli dreams of another life, a normal life. When the Commodore hires them for a hit, a ruthless hunt begins – an initiatory journey that will test their bond to the limit.

Attending: Jacques Audiard, Joaquin Phoenix, John C. Reilly & Riz Ahmed

09/07 12:00PM (P&I/V2), 09/08 9:30PM (PS/V5), 09/09 10:00AM (PS/V6), 09/11 3:30PM (P&I/V2)

Ulysses & Mona
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Director: Sébastien Betbeder
Cast: Manal Issa, Éric Cantona, Quentin Dolmaire, Marie Vialle, Micha Lescot
International Sales: Cercamon

Ulysses is a contemporary artist who ran away and put an end to his career. He lives alone in an old manor. He spends his days playing tennis on his own against a pitching machine. Mona is an art student. Her life as an artist couldn’t be more uneventful. Mona decides to go and meet Ulysses. After some misfortune, both of them will end up on a journey that will change their lives forever.

Attending: Sébastien Betbeder

09/06 9:00PM (PS/V3), 09/07 1:00PM (PS/V1), 09/08 7:00PM (P&I/V2), 09/12 2:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/15 9:00PM (PS/V2)
**The Passion of Joan of Arc**

*La Passion de Jeanne d’Arc*

**Director:** Carl Theodor Dreyer  
**Cast:** Renée Falconetti, Antonin Artaud, Eugène Silvain, André Berley  
**International Sales:** Gaumont  
**US Distributor:** Janus Films  
**Canadian Distributor:** Janus Films (English-speaking Canada)

In 1431, Joan is taken to the castle of Rouen in chains to be tried by an Ecclesiastical Court under the English invaders’ command. She faces this outrage with disarming humility. Found guilty of heresy, she is sentenced to die at the stake; she is burned alive amidst the jeers of the crowd. Carl Theodor Dreyer’s restored masterpiece.

09/14 6:15PM (PS/V1)

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**Chocolat**

*Chocolat*

**Director:** Claire Denis  
**Cast:** François Cluzet, Isaach de Bankolé, Giulia Boschi  
**International Sales:** mk2 films

Cameroon on the brink of independence. The Dalens’ live in a small town, run by the French Administration. Marc, the father, is hardly ever home. Aimée, the mother, spends most of her days in her yard, gardening. France, their daughter, keeps to what is going on, with Protée, her best friend. Their peaceful lives are disrupted when an airplane makes a forced landing on their property.

**Attending:** Claire Denis

09/09 2:00PM (PS/V1)
Ad Vitam

A series by Thomas Cailley, created by Thomas Cailley & Sébastien Mounier
Cast: Yvan Attal, Garance Marillier, Niels Schneider, Rod Paradot, Hanna Schygulla
International Sales: Lagardère Studios Distribution
US Distributor: Lagardère Studios Distribution
Canadian Distributor: Lagardère Studios Distribution

They thought they had conquered death, until seven bodies turned up – all suicides, all minors. Death pact? Political act? Cry for help from a hopeless generation? 120-year-old cop Darius leads the investigation with young suicidal rebel Christa in this vertiginous descent into the depths of a world drifting toward eternity... or oblivion... A series by Thomas Cailley (Love at First Sight).

Attending: Thomas Cailley, Sébastien Mounier & Garance Marillier

09/10 6:30PM (PS/V1), 09/10 10:00PM (P&I/V2)
**SHORT CUTS**

**Bavure**  
Director: Donato Sansone  
International Sales: Autour de Minuit  
*Bavure* portrays the evolution of a human being from his creation to his awareness of the mysteries of the universe. It is a metaphor of the creation of the world and a parable of the artistic process.  

09/09 7:00PM (PS/V2), 09/10 8:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/15 6:30PM (PS/V2)

**Blue**  
Director: Apichatpong Weerasethakul  
Cast: Jenjira Pongpas Widner  
International Sales: Les Films Pelléas  
A woman lies awake at night. Nearby, a set of theatre backdrops unspools itself, unveiling two alternate landscapes. Upon the woman's blue sheet, a flicker of light reflects and illuminates her realm of insomnia.  

09/07 7:15PM (PS/V1)

**The Fall**  
La Chute  
Director: Boris Labbé  
International Sales: Sacrebleu Productions  
As celestial beings descend to Earth vitiating its population, the world’s order unbalances. Initiated by these terms, a tragic fall leads to the parturition of crucial opposites: Hell and Heaven's circles.  

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The Field  
Le Champ de maïs

Director: Sandhya Suri
Cast: Mia Maelzer
International Sales: Lionfish Films

A poor agricultural laborer leads a double life in the village’s last remaining cornfield. But the harvest is approaching...

Attending: Sandhya Suri

09/09 7:00PM (PS/V2), 09/10 8:45AM (P&I/V2), 09/15 6:30PM (PS/V2)

The Foreign Body  
El destetado

Director: Héctor Silva Nuñez
Cast: Alberto González, Rayza De La Hoz, Gloria Juyasú, Luigi Sciamanna
International Sales: Marvin&Wayne – Short Films

Jairo is a native young man from Venezuela who was born with no nipples. Distanced from the customs of his people, he explores in the city a male ideal to belong to.

Attending: Héctor Silva Nuñez

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Guaxuma

Director: Nara Normande
International Sales: Les Valseurs

Tayra and I grew up on a beach in the north east of Brazil. We were inseparable. The sea breeze brings me back happy memories.

Attending: Nara Normande

09/08 7:30PM (PS/V2), 09/09 9:00AM (P&I/V2), 09/14 6:30PM (PS/V2)
SHORT CUTS

This Magnificent Cake!
Ce magnifique gâteau!
Directors: Emma De Swaef & Marc James Roels
International Sales: New Europe Film Sales
This film is an anthology about the colonization of Africa at the end of the 19th century. It is divided into five tales which present a perturbed king, a Pygmy working in a luxury hotel, a ruined businessman, a lost porter, and a young deserter.
09/11 9:30PM (PS/V2), 09/12 9:15AM (P&I/V1), 09/16 7:15PM (PS/V2)

WAVELENGTHS

10 min

Île d’Ouessant World Premiere
Director: David Dudouit
International Sales: Light Cone
For this film, four rolls of 16mm film were patiently exposed frame by frame over the course of a stay on Ouessant Island in Brittany. Here, observation of nature and its phenomena is paired with striking formal experimentation, which alters our perception of the real.
09/10 4:00PM (PS/V1)

21 min

The Labyrinth
El laberinto
Director: Laura Huertas Millán
Cast: Cristóbal Gómez
International Sales: Studio Arturo Lucia
A journey into the labyrinthine memories of a man involved in the spectacular rise and fall of drug lords in the Colombian Amazon. Wandering through the forest and a mansion in ruins (a replica of the villa from the television show Dynasty), this man will soon become the protagonist of his own hallucinatory account.
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A Wedding Day
Un jour de mariage

Director: Elias Belkeddar
Cast: Milou Berra, Said Belhamra

Karim, a French crook in exile in Algiers, lives off petty scams. In this open-air prison, he drags his spleen around other hoodlums.

Attending: Elias Belkeddar

09/09 9:45PM (PS/V2), 09/10 11:00AM (P&I/V2), 09/15 9:15PM (PS/V2)
**GALA PRESENTATIONS**

**Everybody Knows**
*Todos lo saben*
Director: Asghar Farhadi
International Sales: Memento Films
Countries: Spain, France, Italy

**High Life**
Director: Claire Denis
International Sales: Wild Bunch
Countries: Germany, France, USA, United Kingdom, Poland

**MASTERS**

**Ash Is Purest White**
*Jiang hu er nv*
Director: Jia Zhang-Ke
International Sales: mk2 films
Countries: China, France

**Divine Wind**
*Rih rabani*
Director: Merzak Allouache
Countries: France, Algeria, Qatar, Lebanon

**The Image Book**
*Le Livre d’image*
Director: Jean-Luc Godard
International Sales: Wild Bunch
Countries: Switzerland, France

**The Wild Pear Tree**
*Ahlat Ağacı*
Director: Nuri Bilge Ceylan
International Sales: Memento Films
Countries: Turkey, France, Bulgaria, Germany

**PLATFORM**

**Cities of Last Things**
*Xing Fu Cheng Shi*
Director: Wi Ding Ho
Countries: Taiwan, China, USA, France

**Rojo**
Director: Benjamin Naishtat
International Sales: Luxbox
Countries: Argentina, Brazil, France

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Cold War**
*Zimna wojna*
Director: Paweł Pawlikowski
International Sales: mk2 films
Countries: Poland, United Kingdom, France

**Dogman**
Director: Matteo Garrone
International Sales: Rai Com
Countries: Italy, France

**Duelles (Mothers’ Instinct)**
Director: Olivier Masset-Depasse
International Sales: Indie Sales
Countries: Belgium, France

**Manto**
Director: Nandita Das
International Sales: Radiant Films
Countries: India, France

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Завод (Zavod)
Director: Yury Bykov
International Sales: Wild Bunch
Countries: Russia, France, Armenia

Florianópolis Dream
Sueño Florianópolis
Director: Ana Katz
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Countries: Argentina, Brazil, France

“I Do Not Care If We Go Down in History as Barbarians”
“Îmi este indiferent daca în istorie vom intra ca barbari”
Director: Radu Jude
International Sales: Beta Cinema
Countries: Romania, Czech Republic, France, Bulgaria, Germany

Look at Me
Regarde-moi
Director: Nejib Belkadhi
International Sales: MPM Premium
Countries: Tunisia, France

The Most Beautiful Couple
Das schönste Paar
Director: Sven Taddicken
International Sales: Beta Cinema
Countries: Germany, France

Quién te cantará
Director: Carlos Vermut
International Sales: Film Factory Entertainment
Countries: Spain, France

The Realm
El reino
Director: Rodrigo Sorogoyen
International Sales: Latido Films
Countries: Spain, France

Searching for
Ingmar Bergman
Director: Margarethe von Trotta
International Sales: Cinema Management Group
Countries: Germany, France

Long Day’s Journey Into Night
Director: Bi Gan
International Sales: Wild Bunch
Countries: China, France

What You Gonna Do When the World’s on Fire?
Director: Roberto Minervini
International Sales: The Match Factory
Countries: Italy, USA, France

Diamantino
Directors: Gabriel Abrantes & Daniel Schmidt
International Sales: Charades
Countries: Portugal, France, Brazil
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The Intruder
L’ Intrus
Director: Claire Denis / Cast: Michel Subor, Grégoire Colin, Katia Golubeva, Béatrice Dalle, Bambou / Length: 130 min / 2004
Louis Trebor (Michel Subor), an ex-mercenary living in the Jura Mountains, is increasingly suffering from a heart condition. He abandons his home, his beloved dogs, and his estranged son (Grégoire Colin) in pursuit of a black market heart transplant in Korea before traveling to Tahiti, where he spent time in his youth, in hopes of reconnecting with a son he’s never met.

Wednesday, September 5 – 7:30PM

35 Shots of Rum
35 rhums
Director: Claire Denis / Cast: Alex Descas, Mati Diop, Grégoire Colin
Length: 100 min / 2008
After his wife’s death, Lionel raises his daughter Joséphine, alone. As years go by, they seem like a married couple. When Joséphine is a grown up, she wants to take care of her father instead of him taking care of her. Lionel knows there’s only one last thing for him to do: to convince Joséphine to go her own way, to become a woman and leave him.

Friday, September 7 – 7:30PM

Good Work
Beau travail
Director: Claire Denis / Cast: Denis Lavant, Michel Subor, Grégoire Colin
Length: 90 min / 1999
This film focuses on ex-foreign Legion officer, Galoup, as he recalls his once glorious life, leading troops in the Gulf of Djibouti. His existence there was happy, strict and regimented, but the arrival of a promising young recruit, Sentain, plants the seeds of jealousy in Galoup’s mind.

Saturday, September 8 – 3:30PM
Following from 5:00PM to 7:00PM by a masterclass with Claire Denis moderated by Claudia Hébert, expert on cinema, journalist and filmmaker

To celebrate her presence at the 43rd edition of TIFF, Alliance Française – with the support of UniFrance, the Consulate General of France in Toronto, Institut français and Criterion Pictures – devotes a special retrospective to Claire Denis and invites the public to meet one of the most influential and acclaimed figure of French modern cinema.

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