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Special Presentation



Masters



Wavelengths



Special Presentation

✱ A few hours of spring ✱ Amour

At the age of 48, Alain Evrard has to go and live with his mother again. This forced cohabitation brings back all the violence of their past relationship. He soon finds out that his mother is terminally ill. During the last months of her life, will they finally be able to reach each other?

Director: Stéphane Brizé

Cast: Vincent Lindon, Emmanuelle Seigner, Hélène Vincent

Running time: 109 mns

Canadian Dist.: Entertainment One

Int. Sales Agent: Rezo

Georges and Anne are in their eighties. They are cultivated, retired music teachers. Their daughter, who is also a musician, lives abroad with her family. One day, Anne has an attack. The couple's bond of love is severely tested.

Director: Michael Haneke

Cast: Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva, Isabelle Huppert

Running time: 127 mns

U.S. Dist.: Sony Pictures Classic

Canadian Dist.: Mongrel Media

Int. Sales Agent: Films du Losange



Discovery



Special Presentation

✱ Differently, Molussia

A film in nine chapters, shown in random order and based on fragments from the novel Günther «Differently» wrote between 1932 and 1936: «The Molussian Catacomb». Prisoners sitting in the pits of an imaginary fascist state, Molussia, transmit one another stories about the outside world like a series of philosophical fables.

Director: Nicolas Rey

Running time: 81 mns

✱ Do not disturb

In this lively French remake of Humpday, best buds reunite and revive their friendship on a questionable dare. Can two straight guys really make a gay sex film, together?

Director: Yvan Attal

Cast: Yvan Attal, François Cluzet, Laetitia Casta, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Asia Argento

Running time: 92 mns

Int. Sales Agent: TF1 International

✱ Augustine

Paris, winter 1885, at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Professor Charcot is studying a mysterious illness: hysteria. Augustine, 19 years old, becomes his favorite guinea pig, the star of his demonstrations of hypnosis. The object of his studies will soon become the object of his desire...

Director: Alice Winocour

Cast: Vincent Lindon, Soko, Chiara Mastroianni

Running time: 102 mns

Int. Sales Agent: Kinology

✱ Capital

This is the story of the unstoppable ascent of Marc Tourneuil, an expendable servant of Capital who became an undisputed master.

Director: Costa Gavras

Cast: Gad Elmaleh, Gabriel Byrne, Natacha Régnier, Hippolyte Girardot, Bernard Le Coq

Running time: 114 mns

US Dist.: Cohen Media Group

Int. Sales Agent: Elle Driver



Kids

✱ Ernest & Celestine

A reclusive bear musician forges an unlikely friendship with a young orphaned mouse in this beautiful, traditionally animated film based on the beloved children's books by Belgian author Gabrielle Vincent.

Director: Benjamin Renner, Vincent Patar, Stéphane Aubier

Voices: Lambert Wilson, Pauline Brunner

Running time: 79 mns

Canadian Dist.: Metropole / Mongrel

Int. Sales Agent: StudioCanal

✱ Fidaï

During the Algerian Revolution, the director's great uncle El Hadi joined his sister in France and became an active member of a secret FLN armed group. His personal journey tells the story of countless ex-fighters for Algerian independence, and echoes the current effervescence of the Arab World.

Director: Damien Ounouri

Cast: Med El Hadi Benadouda

Running time: 82 mns

Int. Sales Agent: Kafard Films



Special Presentation

✧ Foxfire

Upstate New York, 1953, a working class neighborhood in a small town. In this violent post-war culture controlled by men, a group of headstrong teenage girls unite into a sisterhood of blood: they form the Foxfire gang, a secret female-only society, recognized by the flame tattooed on the back of its members' shoulders. "Foxfire" for pretty foxes, but also "Foxfire" for fire and destruction.

Director: Laurent Cantet

Cast: Raven Adamson, Katie Coseni, Claire Mazarolle, Madeleine Bisson, Rachel Nyhuus

Running time: 143 mns

Canadian Dist.: Alliance Films

Int. Sales Agent: Memento Films International



Masters

✧ Gebo and the shadow ✧ In the house

Gebo lives in a humble house with his wife and daughter in law, who takes care of them as if they were her own parents. Gebo's only son, Joao, has been gone for a long while to the mother's despair and to Gebo's discomptempt, as he suspects him to devote himself to not so commendable activities. Suddenly, one night, Joao shows up.

Director: Manoel de Oliveira

Cast: Michael Lonsdale, Claudia Cardinale, Jeanne Moreau, Ricardo Trepa, Leonor Silveira

Running time: 91 mns

Int. Sales Agent: Pyramide International



Gala

✧ Free Angela and all political prisoners

The dramatic story of how a young philosophy professor's social justice activism implicates her in a botched kidnapping attempt of a judge that ends with a bloody shootout, four dead, and a nation wondering: what would prompt Angela Davis, "the daughter of the black bourgeoisie, to take a desperate turn to terrorism?"

Director: Shola Lynch

Running time: 90 mns

Int. Sales Agent: Elle Driver



Special Presentation

A 16-year-old boy insinuates himself into the house of a fellow student from his literature class and writes about it in essays for his French teacher. Faced with this gifted and unusual pupil, the teacher rediscovers his enthusiasm for his work, but the boy's intrusion will unleash a series of uncontrollable events.

Director: François Ozon

Cast: Kristin Scott Thomas, Fabrice Luchini, Emmanuelle Seigner, Denis Ménochet

Running time: 105 mns

U.S. Dist.: Cohen Media Group

Canadian Dist.: Entertainment One

Int. Sales Agent: Wild Bunch



Cinematheque

✧ Loin du Vietnam

A new restoration of the legendary, rarely seen 1967 agit-prop classic from celebrated filmmakers Chris Marker, Jean-Luc Godard, Alain Resnais, William Klein, Joris Ivens, Agnès Varda and Claude Lelouch, which mixes fact and fiction in an angry rebuke to the US war in Vietnam.

Director: Joris Ivens, William Klein, Claude Lelouch, Agnès Varda, Jean-Luc Godard, Chris Marker, Alain Resnais

Running time: 115 mns



Special Presentation

✧ On the road

Just after his father's death, Sal Paradise, an aspiring New York writer, meets Dean Moriarty, a devastatingly charming ex-con, married to the very liberated and seductive Marylou. Sal and Dean bond instantly. Determined not to get locked in to a constricted life, the two friends cut their ties and take to the road with Marylou. Thirsting for freedom, the three young people head off in search of the world, of other encounters, and of themselves.

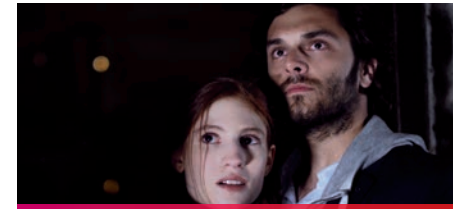
Director: Walter Salles

Cast: Garrett Hedlund, Sam Riley, Kristen Stewart, Kirsten Dunst

Running time: 137 mns

US Dist.: IFC Films / Sundance Selects

Int. Sales Agent: MK2



Discovery

✧ Nights with Théodore

A party in a Parisian flat. Theodore meets Anna. Later on, while they walk in the night of Paris, they decide to climb up the fence of the Buttes Chaumont Park. There, they will share their first night. They will come back the next nights until this strange attraction will begin to separate them.

Director: Sébastien Betbeder

Cast: Pio Marmai, Agathe Bonitzer, Fabrice Adde

Running time: 67 mns

Int. Sales Agent: Unifrance Films



Special Presentation

✧ Passion

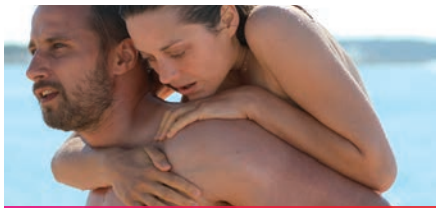
An erotic thriller in the tradition of «Dressed To Kill» and «Basic Instinct», Brian de Palma's Passion tells the story of a deadly power struggle between two women in the dog-eat-dog world of international business.

Director: Brian de Palma

Cast: Rachel McAdams, Noomi Rapace, Paul Anderson, Karoline Herfurth

Running time: 94 mns

Int. Sales Agent: Wild Bunch & Saïd Ben Saïd



Special Presentation

✧ Rust and Bone

Ali suddenly finds himself with his five year-old son on his hands. Homeless, penniless and friendless, Ali takes refuge with his sister in Antibes. Ali first runs into Stephanie during a night club brawl. He is poor, she is beautiful and self-assured. When he sees her next, his princess is confined to a wheel chair: she has lost her legs and quite a few illusions. He simply helps her, with no compassion or pity. And she comes alive again.

Director: Jacques Audiard
Cast: Marion Cotillard, Matthias Schoenaerts
Running time: 120 mns
U.S. Dist.: Sony Pictures Classics
Canadian Dist.: Mongrel Media
Int. Sales Agent: Celluloid Dreams

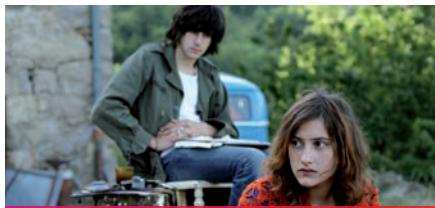


Cinematheque

✧ Tess

Roman Polanski's gorgeous, sweeping version of Thomas Hardy's classic novel Tess of the d'Urbervilles returns in a glorious new 4K digital restoration.

Director: Roman Polanski
Cast: Nastassja Kinski, Peter Firth, John Collin, Leigh Lawson, Tony Church
Running time: 171 mns
Int. Sales Agent: Pathé International



Masters

✧ Something in the air

At the beginning of the seventies, Gilles, a high school student in Paris, is swept up in the political fever of the time. Yet his real dream is to paint and make films, something that his friends and even his girlfriend cannot understand. For them, politics is everything, the political struggle all consuming. But Gilles gradually becomes more comfortable with his life choices, and learns to feel at ease in this new society.

Director: Olivier Assayas
Cast: Lola Creton, Clément Métayer, Félix Armand
Running time: 122 mns
U.S. Dist.: Sundance Selects
Canadian Dist.: IFC Films
Int. Sales Agent: MK2



Special Presentation

✧ The attack

An Israeli-Palestinian surgeon, shocked to discover that his wife was involved in a suicide-bomb attack, ventures into Palestinian territory to confront the people who recruited her, in this gripping adaptation of Yasmina Khadra's international bestseller.

Director: Ziad Doueiri
Cast: Ali Suliman, Reymonde Amsellem, Evgenia Dodina
Running time: 102 mns
U.S. Dist.: Cohen Media Group & Focus Features
Int. Sales Agent: Wild Bunch



Contemporary World Cinema

✧ The patience stone

Somewhere, in Afghanistan or elsewhere in a country torn apart by a war, a beautiful woman watches over her husband in a decrepit room. He is reduced to the state of a vegetable because of a bullet in the neck. One day, the woman starts a solitary confession to her silent husband. She talks about her childhood, her frustrations, her loneliness, her dreams, her desires...

Director: Atiq Rahimi
Cast: Golshfteh Faharani, Hamidreza Javdan, Hassina Burgan, Massi Mrowat
Running time: 98 mns
Canadian Dist.: Les Films Séville International
Int. Sales Agent: Le Pacte



Special Presentation

✧ Thérèse Desqueyroux ✧ Three worlds

France, late 1920s, Thérèse marries her neighbour, who tolerates her brilliant, passionate strong character and opinions, but she soon finds herself suffocated by the boredom of her provincial life and her husband's intellectual mediocrity. She dreams of Paris, longs for stimulation and culture and, despite herself, starts to seek a way out. Until the day her husband gets intoxicated with deadly arsenic...

Director: Claude Miller
Cast: Audrey Tautou, Gilles Lellouche, Anaïs Demoustier, Catherine Arditi, Isabelle Sadoyan
Running time: 106 mns
Canadian Dist.: Mongrel Media
Int. Sales Agent: TF1 International



Special Presentation

✧ The suicide shop 3D

Imagine a city where the most successful shop helps you end your life. But the owner's just had a baby - and he's joie de vivre personified...

Director: Patrice Leconte
Running time: 79 mns
Canadian Dist.: Les Films Séville International
Int. Sales Agent: Wild Bunch



Contemporary World Cinema

While coming back from his bachelor party, Al is guilty of a hit-and-run accident, urged by his two childhood friends present in the car. The next day, gnawed with guilt, Al decides to inquire about his victim. What he does not know is that Juliette, a young woman, has witnessed the entire accident from her balcony. But when she recognizes him in the Hospital corridor, she is unable to denounce him...

Director: Catherine Corsini
Cast: Raphaël Personnaz, Clotilde Hesme, Arta Dobroschi, Reda Kateb
Running time: 100 mns
Int. Sales Agent: Pyramide International

*Program

* Public screening

* Press & Industry screening

Thursday 9/6

8:45 am Rust and Bone

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2

12:30 pm Do not disturb

Scotiabank 11

1:45 pm On the road

Scotiabank 3

2:00 pm The attack

Scotiabank 13

3:15 pm Tess

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

3:45 pm Amour

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2

9:00 pm On the road

Ryerson
Followed by a Q&A with Walter Salles
and actors

9:00 pm Fidaï

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 5

9:30 pm Rust and Bone

Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
Followed by a Q&A with Jacques Audiard
and actors

Friday 9/7

9:00 am Three worlds

Scotiabank 8

9:45 am Therese Desqueyroux

Scotiabank 10

11:30 am On the road

The Bloor Hot Docs Cinema

12:00 pm A few hours of spring

Scotiabank 10

12:00 pm Ernest & Celestine

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 4

12:00 pm Rust and Bone

Ryerson

3:00 pm Augustine

Scotiabank 7

3:00 pm Something in the air

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2

4:45 pm The suicide shop

Scotiabank 1

9:15 pm Fidaï

Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 10
Followed by a Q&A with Jacques Audiard
and actors

Saturday 9/8

1:00 pm Gebo and the shadow

Scotiabank 1

4:00 pm Differently, Molussia

Jackman Hall
Followed by a Q&A with Nicolas Rey

6:00 pm Amour

Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
Followed by a Q&A with Michael Haneke

6:30 pm Capital

Scotiabank 1
Followed by a Q&A with Costa Gavras
and Gad Elmaleh

7:00 pm Nights with Theodore

Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 3
Followed by a Q&A with Sébastien Betbeder

9:00 pm Something in the air

Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
Followed by a Q&A with Olivier Assayas

9:00 pm The attack

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2
Followed by a Q&A with Ziad Doueiri

Sunday 9/9

9:00 am Differently, Molussia

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 4

9:00 am In the house

Scotiabank 13

9:30 am Something in the air

Isabel Bader
Followed by a Q&A with Olivier Assayas

9:45 am Capital

Scotiabank 13

11:00 am Differently, Molussia

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 4
Followed by a Q&A with Nicolas Rey

11:30 am Loin du Vietnam

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

11:45 am The patience stone

Scotiabank 8

1:30 pm Free Angela and all

Political Prisonners

Roy Thomson Hall
Followed by a Q&A with Shola Lynch
and Angela Davis

2:00 pm Passion

Scotiabank 4

3:00 pm Ernest & Celestine

Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 6

7:15 pm Nights with Theodore

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 5

9:00 pm The patience stone

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1
Followed by a Q&A with Atiq Rahimi

9:15 pm Fidaï

Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 5
Followed by a Q&A with Damien Ounouri

9:45 pm A few hours of spring

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2
Followed by a Q&A with Stéphane Brizé

Monday 9/10

8:45 am Foxfire

Scotiabank 7

2:00 pm Free Angela and all

Political Prisonners

Scotiabank 3

2:30 pm Nights with Theodore

Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 4
Followed by a Q&A with Sébastien Betbeder

3:00 pm Capital

Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 9
Followed by a Q&A with Costa Gavras
and Gad Elmaleh

3:00 pm Free Angela and all
Political Prisonners

The Bloor Hot Docs Cinema
Followed by a Q&A with Shola Lynch
and Angela Davis

5:00 pm Gebo and the shadow
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

5:45 pm Foxfire
Ryerson
Followed by a Q&A with Laurent Cantet
and actors

7:00 pm The attack
Scotiabank 2
Followed by a Q&A with Ziad Doueiri

9:00 pm In the house
Visa Screening Room (Elgin)
Followed by a Q&A with François Ozon
and Kristin Scott Thomas

Tuesday 9/11

9:00 am Capital
Scotiabank 5

9:45 am Fidaï
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 5

11:30 am Something in the air
Scotiabank 3

2:00 pm The attack
Scotiabank 11

2:00 pm The patience stone
Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 6
Followed by a Q&A with Atiq Rahimi

3:30 pm Foxfire
Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 7
Followed by a Q&A with Laurent Cantet
and actors

5:00 pm Nights with Theodore
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 5

5:00 pm A few hours of spring
Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 6

7:15 pm Three worlds
Scotiabank 1

8:00 pm Passion
Winter Garden
Followed by a Q&A with Brian de Palma
and actors

9:00 pm Therese Desqueyroux
Visa Screening Room (Elgin)

9:30 pm Augustine
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1
Followed by a Q&A with Alice Winocour

Wednesday 9/12

9:30 am Free Angela and all
Political Prisonners
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

12:15 pm The patience stone
Scotiabank 11

2:30 pm Do not disturb
Scotiabank 11

3:45 pm In the house
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1

9:00 pm The suicide shop
Ryerson
Followed by a Q&A with Patrice Leconte

Thursday 9/13

11:00 am Gebo and the shadow
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

12:00 pm Passion
Scotiabank 2

2:15 pm Three worlds
Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 2

3:00 pm Augustine
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2
Followed by a Q&A with Alice Winocour

4:45 pm Fidaï
Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 10

8:30 pm Passion
Scotiabank 1

Friday 9/14

9:30 am Passion
Scotiabank 3

12:15 pm The attack
Scotiabank 2

2:15 pm Gebo and the shadow
Cineplex Odéon Yonge & Dundas 6

3:30 pm Therese Desqueyroux
Scotiabank 1

6:00 pm Do not disturb
Ryerson

Saturday 9/15

9:45 am Do not disturb
Scotiabank 2

12:00 pm Free Angela and all
Political Prisonners
The Bloor Hot Docs Cinema

5:45 pm Augustine
Scotiabank 1

6:45 pm Three worlds
Scotiabank 4

8:30 pm Capital
Scotiabank 3

Sunday 9/16

9:00 am Amour
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2

9:15 am The patience stone
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

12:30 pm Nights with Theodore
Scotiabank 9

12:30 pm The suicide shop
Scotiabank 2

2:45 pm Ernest & Celestine
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

6:00 pm Do not disturb
Scotiabank 11

9:15 pm Gebo and the shadow
Scotiabank 11

Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond Street West

TIFF Bell Lightbox
Reitman Square,
350 King Street West

AMC Yonge-Dundas 24
10 Dundas Street East, 4th Floor

Visa Screening Room, Elgin Theatre
189 Yonge Street

The Bloor Hot Docs Cinema
506 Bloor Street West

Ryerson Theatre
43 Gerrard Street East

Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario
317 Dundas Street West

Isabel Bader Theatre
93 Charles Street West

Roy Thomson Hall
60 Simcoe Street

The Winter Garden Theatre
189 Yonge Street