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“The presence of French cinema in the film market continues to become more diverse, thanks in part to its collaboration in international co-productions. Undoubtedly, it remains a major player on the international scene.”

Piers Handling
TIFF Director & CEO

EMERGING TALENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

With a line-up of 40 French films (28 feature films and 12 shorts), Toronto is this year giving pride of place to premieres and to discovering young filmmakers. From Deniz Gamze Ergüven, whose second film is presented in the Gala section, to Teddy Lussi-Modeste, Xavier Legrand, Mélanie Laurent and Joan Chemla, whose first feature is screening in competition, along with Coralie Fargeat, who is making her first foray into the horror genre (*Revenge*),

TIFF provides a fabulous showcase for emerging talent in French cinema while remaining true to its values of openness and diversity. At a time when the festival is launching a fundraising campaign for women directors (“Share Her Journey”), the presence of many French women filmmakers in the selection highlights a particularity of our industry, a pioneer on the international movie scene which is still largely masculine.

WOMEN TAKE CENTER STAGE

Women’s struggle for creative freedom has put its stamp on the selection this year, whether in France, Tangiers or Casablanca today (*Number One* by Tonie Marshall, *Custody* by Xavier Legrand, *Razzia* by Nabil Ayouch and *Catch the Wind* by Gaël Morel), the countryside during the 1914-18 war (*The Guardians* by Xavier Beauvois), or the South Central district of LA in 1992 (*Kings* by Deniz Gamze Ergüven), not to

mention Master Agnès Varda’s latest opus *Faces Places*.

We are especially delighted by the presence in Toronto this year of some great French actresses – Nathalie Baye, Sandrine Bonnaire and Ariane Ascaride – along with some young newcomers like Iris Bry, who will all proudly fly the flag for this socially-engaged line-up.

FRENCH ACTIVISM STRIKES AGAIN

After the stunning international success of Raoul Peck’s documentary *I Am Not Your Negro*, which screened at TIFF last year, French cinema continues to be the standard-bearer of political and social engagement and we are proud to present to North American audiences one of the first dramas of the Act Up era (*BPM* by Robin Campillo), the latest work by one of our most celebrated militant cineastes, Robert Guédiguian (*The House by the Sea*), and the

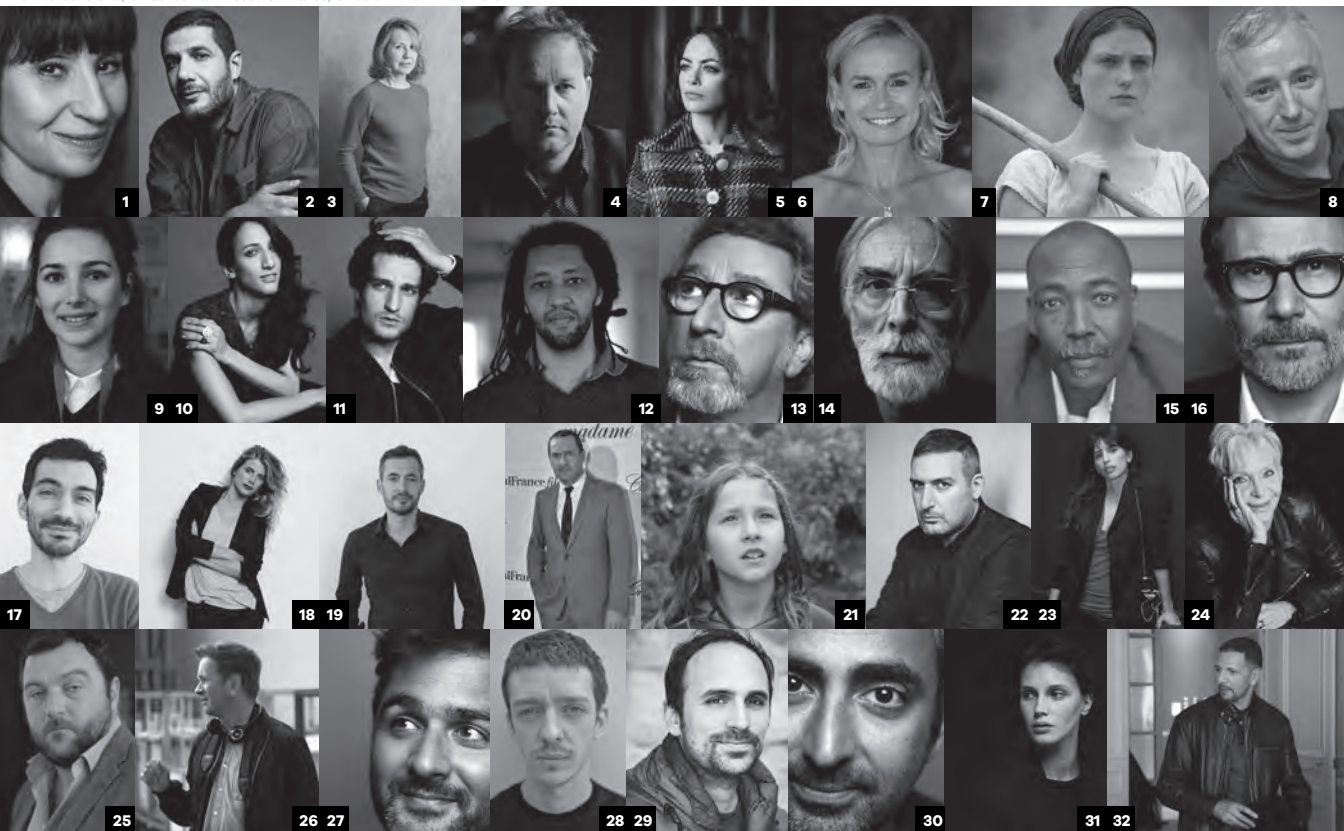
latest film by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun (*A Season in France*) about the struggle of immigration.

And we should also salute the festival’s recognition of two specificities of French cinema: comedy (with the selection of *C’est la vie!* by Olivier Nakache and Éric Toledano) and coproductions, with some top-notch selections, including *The Death of Stalin* by Armando Iannucci and *The Insult* by Ziad Doueiri.

We’d like to thank the TIFF team for their loyalty to French cinema and we wish all the best to the French producers, artists and sales companies attending this year’s edition!

Serge Toubiana (UniFrance President)
Isabelle Giordano (UniFrance Executive Director)

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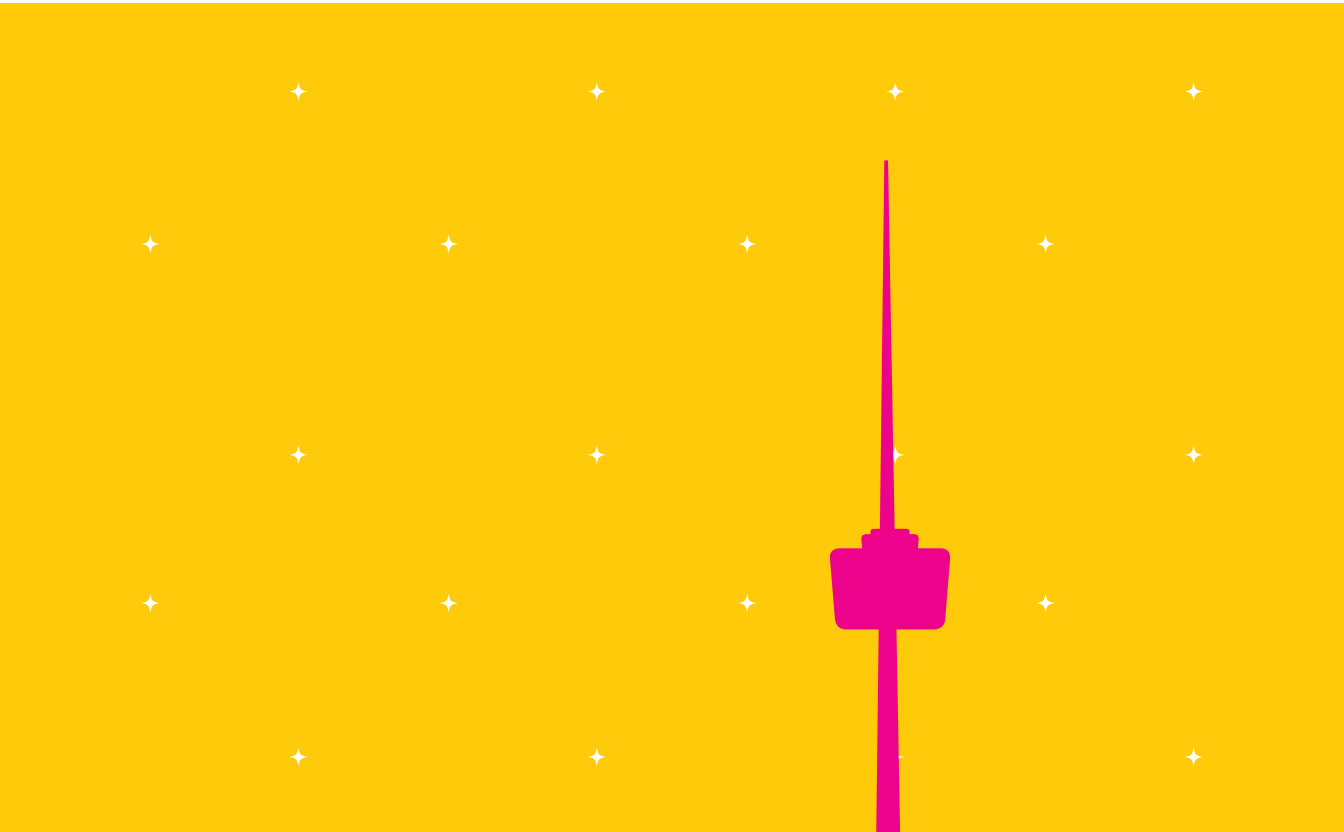


ATTENDING TALENTS IN TORONTO*

**Ariane Ascaride⁽¹⁾, Nabil Ayouch⁽²⁾, Nathalie Baye⁽³⁾, Xavier Beauvois⁽⁴⁾,
Bérénice Bejo⁽⁵⁾, Sandrine Bonnaire⁽⁶⁾, Iris Bry⁽⁷⁾, Robin Campillo⁽⁸⁾, Joan Chemla⁽⁹⁾,
Deniz Gamze Ergüven⁽¹⁰⁾, Louis Garrel⁽¹¹⁾, Alain Gomis⁽¹²⁾, Robert Guédiguian⁽¹³⁾,
Michael Haneke⁽¹⁴⁾, Mahamat-Saleh Haroun⁽¹⁵⁾, Michel Hazanavicius⁽¹⁶⁾,
Patrick Imbert⁽¹⁷⁾, Mélanie Laurent⁽¹⁸⁾, Xavier Legrand⁽¹⁹⁾, Gilles Lellouche⁽²⁰⁾,
Lise Leplat Prudhomme⁽²¹⁾, Teddy Lussi-Modeste⁽²²⁾, Maïwenn⁽²³⁾, Tonie Marshall⁽²⁴⁾,
Denis Ménochet⁽²⁵⁾, Gaël Morel⁽²⁶⁾, Olivier Nakache⁽²⁷⁾, Nahuel Pérez Biscayart⁽²⁸⁾,
Benjamin Renner⁽²⁹⁾, Eric Toledano⁽³⁰⁾, Marine Vacth⁽³¹⁾, Roschdy Zem⁽³²⁾**

**And also Halle Berry, Lucien Castaing-Taylor, Suzanne Clément, Daniel Craig, Eriq
Ebouaney, Coralie Fargeat, Gael García Bernal, Emmanuel Gras, Alireza Khatami,
Matilda Lutz, Narimane Mari, Véréna Paravel, Ben Russell, Maryam Touzani, Véro
Tshanda Beya, María Valverde...**

* subject to change



V E N U E S

V1 Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond Street West

V2 TIFF Bell Lightbox
350 King Street West

V3 Elgin Theatre
189 Yonge Street

**V4 Princess of Wales
Theatre**
300 King Street West

V5 Ryerson Theatre
43 Gerrard Street East

**V6 Jackman Hall,
Art Gallery of Ontario**
317 Dundas Street West

V7 Roy Thomson Hall
60 Simcoe Street

V8 Winter Garden Theatre
189 Yonge Street

**Alliance Française
de Toronto**
24 Spadina Road

79 min

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The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales

Le Grand Méchant Renard et autres contes

Directors: Benjamin Renner & Patrick Imbert

International Sales: Studiocanal

US Distributor: GKIDS

Canadian Distributor: GKIDS

From the creators of Academy Award-nominated animation feature *Ernest & Celestine*, comes a charming and hilarious collection of animated tales set on a farm. The countryside isn't as peaceful as it's made out to be, and these farm animals are especially agitated: a fox mothering chicks, a rabbit playing the stork, and a duck wanting to be Santa Claus... Life in the countryside isn't a walk in the park!

Attending: Benjamin Renner & Patrick Imbert

09/08 2:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/09 4:15PM (PS/V1), 09/17 3:15PM (PS/V2)

144 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



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BPM (Beats Per Minute)

120 battements par minute

Director: Robin Campillo

Cast: Nahuel Pérez Biscayart, Arnaud Valois,

Adèle Haenel, Antoine Reinartz

International Sales: Films Distribution

US Distributor: The Orchard

Canadian Distributor: MK2 MILE END

Early 1990s. With AIDS having already claimed countless lives for nearly ten years, Act Up-Paris activists multiply actions to fight general indifference. Nathan, a newcomer to the group, has his world shaken up by Sean, a radical militant.

Attending: Robin Campillo & Nahuel Pérez Biscayart

09/07 9:15AM (P&I/V1), 09/10 2:15PM (PS/V1), 09/12 3:45PM (PS/V1)

117 min

GALA PRESENTATIONS (CLOSING FILM)



C'est la vie! World Premiere

Le Sens de la fête

Directors: Eric Toledano & Olivier Nakache

Cast: Jean-Pierre Bacri, Gilles Lellouche, Suzanne Clément,

Jean-Paul Rouve, Benjamin Lavernhe

International Sales: Gaumont

Canadian Distributor: MK2 MILE END

Pierre and Helena have decided to celebrate their union in a gorgeous chateau outside of Paris. We follow the party from setup to sunrise, almost in real time, but only through the eyes of those who work to make the night as magical as possible. Needless to say, it will be an evening full of surprises.

Attending: Eric Toledano, Olivier Nakache, Gilles Lellouche & Suzanne Clément

09/08 8:30AM (P&I/V1), 09/11 8:30AM (P&I/V1), 09/16 6:30PM (PS/V4), 09/16 8:00PM (PS/V7), 09/17 9:00AM (PS/V1)

PS Public screening P&I Press & Industry screening

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V6 Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario **V7** Roy Thomson Hall **V8** Winter Garden Theatre

90 min

WAVELENGTHS



Caniba

Directors: Lucien Castaing-Taylor & Véréna Paravel
International Sales: Elle Driver

Caniba is a fresco about flesh and desire. It reflects on the discomfiting significance of cannibalism in human existence through the prism of one Japanese man, Issel Sagawa, and his mysterious relationship with his brother, Jun Sagawa.

Attending: Lucien Castaing-Taylor & Véréna Paravel

09/10 9:30PM (PS/V6), 09/11 2:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/12 10:15PM (PS/V2), 09/14 7:00PM (P&I/V1)

103 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



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Catch the Wind

World Premiere

Prendre le large

Director: Gaël Morel

Cast: Sandrine Bonnaire, Mouna Fettou, Kamal El Amri, Ilian Bergala, Lubna Azabal

International Sales: Doc & Film International

Edith, a 45-year-old textile factory worker, sees her life turned upside down by the company's downsizing measures. Estranged from her son and without any other ties, rather than go into unemployment, she decides to leave her life behind and follow her work at the factory which has been relocated in Morocco.

Attending: Gaël Morel & Sandrine Bonnaire

09/08 9:00AM (P&I/V1), 09/10 9:45PM (PS/V2), 09/12 11:45AM (PS/V2), 09/13 2:45PM (P&I/V1), 09/16 12:30PM (PS/V1)

90 min

PLATFORM



Custody

Jusqu'à la garde

Director: Xavier Legrand

Cast: Denis Ménochet, Léa Drucker, Thomas Gioria, Mathilde Auneveux

International Sales: Celluloid Dreams

Myriam and Antoine Besson have divorced, and Myriam seeks sole custody of their son Julien to protect him from a father she claims is violent. Antoine pleads his case as a scorned Dad and the appointed judge rules in favor of joint custody. Held hostage to the escalating conflict between his parents, Julien is pushed to the edge to prevent the worst from happening.

Attending: Xavier Legrand & Denis Ménochet

09/09 2:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/12 12:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/13 5:00PM (PS/V8), 09/14 12:15PM (PS/V2), 09/15 3:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/17 6:45PM (PS/V2)

FEATURE FILMS

89 min

MASTERS



© Agnès Varda – JR – Ciné-Tamaris, Social Animals

Faces Places

Visages Villages

Directors: Agnès Varda & JR**Cast:** Agnès Varda, JR**International Sales:** Cohen Media Group**US Distributor:** Cohen Media Group**Canadian Distributor:** MK2 MILE END

89-year-old Agnès Varda, a leading figure of the French New Wave, and 33-year-old street artist JR co-direct this enchanting documentary. Varda and JR share a passion for images and how they are shared. Together they travel through villages meeting locals and producing epic-size portraits. *Faces Places* follows these heart-warming encounters and the tender friendship they formed along the way.

09/11 8:30AM (P&I/V1), 09/13 6:30PM (PS/V3), 09/15 12:15PM (PS/V2), 09/17 9:15PM (PS/V2)

123 min

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Félicité

Director: Alain Gomis**Cast:** Véro Tshanda Beya, Papi Mpaka, Gaetan Claudia**International Sales:** Jour2fête**US Distributor:** Strand Releasing**Canadian Distributor:** Acéphale

Félicité is a proud, free-willed woman working as a singer in a bar in Kinshasa. Her life is thrown into turmoil when her 14-year-old son falls victim to an accident. To save him, she sets out on a breakneck race through the streets of electric Kinshasa — a world of music and dreams where she'll cross paths with Tabu...

Attending: Alain Gomis & Véro Tshanda Beya

09/07 10:30AM (P&I/V1), 09/14 6:00PM (PS/V2), 09/15 2:45PM (PS/V1), 09/16 9:45PM (PS/V1)

140 min

WAVELENGTHS



Le Fort des fous

Director: Narimane Mari**Cast:** Antoine Morin, Rachid Haddad, Michel Haas, Thekla Gounaridi

Departing from records of the early colonial scientific expeditions and taming campaigns led by the French colonizers, the story follows an imagined society. Re-enactments, improvisations, and interviews performed with the inhabitants of Algiers, Kythira Island, and the Prosfygika community in Athens, re-activates memories as resistance strategies.

Attending: Narimane Mari

09/11 6:00PM (PS/V6), 09/12 4:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/14 11:30AM (PS/V2)

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143 min

WAVELENGTHS



Good Luck

Срећно / Kōlōku

Director: **Ben Russell**

International Sales: **Stray Dogs**

Shot on Super 16mm, *Good Luck* is a portrait of two mining communities operating on opposite sides of a hostile world: the state employees of a 400m-deep underground Serbian copper mine and the Maroon laborers of an illegal gold mining operation in the jungle tropics of Suriname.

Attending: **Ben Russell**

09/07 4:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/11 9:15PM (PS/V2), 09/13 3:00PM (PS/V6)

134 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



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The Guardians

World Premiere

Les Gardiennes

Director: **Xavier Beauvois**

Cast: **Nathalie Baye, Laura Smet, Iris Bry**

International Sales: **Pathé International**

Canadian Distributor: **MK2 MILE END**

1915. The Paridier farm. A mother and her daughter take over when their men leave for the front. They work tirelessly, their lives marked by hard work and their men's rare visits on leave. Hortense, the oldest, hires a young ward of the state to help: Francine, who believes that she has finally found a family...

Attending: **Xavier Beauvois, Nathalie Baye & Iris Bry**

09/08 4:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/09 6:15PM (PS/V2),
09/11 3:45PM (PS/V1), 09/13 11:00AM (P&I/V1)

107 min

MASTERS



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Happy End

Director: **Michael Haneke**

Cast: **Isabelle Huppert, Jean-Louis Trintignant,**

Mathieu Kassovitz, Fantine Harduin

International Sales: **Les Films du Losange**

US Distributor: **Sony Pictures Classics**

Canadian Distributor: **Sony Pictures Classics**

"All around us, the world, and we, in its midst, blind." A snapshot from the life of a bourgeois European family.

Attending: **Michael Haneke**

09/07 12:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/10 5:45PM (PS/V8), 09/11 9:15AM (PS/V2)

107 min

MASTERS



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The House by the Sea

La Villa

Director: Robert Guédiguian**Cast:** Ariane Ascaride, Jean-Pierre Darroussin, Gérard Meylan, Jacques Boudet, Anaïs Demoustier**International Sales:** mk2 films**Canadian Distributor:** MK2 MILE END

By a little bay near Marseille lies a picturesque villa owned by an old man. His three children have gathered by his side for his last days. It's time for them to weigh up what they have inherited of their father's ideals and the community spirit he created in this magical place. The arrival, at a nearby cove, of a group of boat people will throw these moments of reflection into turmoil.

Attending: Robert Guédiguian & Ariane Ascaride

09/07 12:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/11 6:00PM (PS/V2),
09/12 3:45PM (P&I/V1), 09/13 3:45PM (PS/V1)

87 min

PLATFORM



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If You Saw His Heart

Si tu voyais son cœur

World Premiere

Director: Joan Chemla**Cast:** Gael García Bernal, Marine Vachth, Alba Galocha, Nahuel Pérez Biscayart, Karim Leklou**International Sales:** mk2 films**Canadian Distributor:** MK2 MILE END

Daniel is excluded from his community after the death of his best friend. He finds refuge in a hotel for castaways and broken souls and drifts into violence. An unexpected ray of light enlivens his existence when he meets Francine.

Attending: Joan Chemla, Gael García Bernal, Marine Vachth & Nahuel Pérez Biscayart

09/10 2:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/12 8:00PM (PS/V8),
09/13 4:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/13 9:15AM (PS/V2),
09/15 6:30PM (PS/V2), 09/15 12:00PM (P&I/V1)

113 min

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The Insult

L'Insulte

Director: Ziad Doueiri**Cast:** Adel Karam, Rita Hayek, Kamel El Basha**International Sales:** Indie Sales Company**US Distributor:** Cohen Media Group**Canadian Distributor:** Cohen Media Group

In today's Beirut, an insult blown out of proportions finds Toni, a Lebanese Christian, and Yasser, a Palestinian refugee, in court. From secret wounds to traumatic revelations, the media circus surrounding the case puts Lebanon through a social explosion, forcing Toni and Yasser to reconsider their lives and prejudices.

09/07 3:45PM (P&I/V1), 09/09 12:00PM (P&I/V2),
09/12 9:15AM (P&I/V1), 09/14 5:00PM (PS/V8),
09/15 2:45PM (PS/V2), 09/17 6:00PM (PS/V1)

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106 min

WAVELENGTHS

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Jeannette, the Childhood of Joan of Arc

Jeannette, l'enfance de Jeanne d'Arc

Director: Bruno Dumont

Cast: Lise Leplat Prudhomme, Jeanne Voisin, Lucile Gauthier, Victoria Lefebvre

International Sales: Luxbox

In the midst of the Hundred Years' War, the young Jeannette looks after her sheep. One day, she tells her friend Hauviette how she cannot bear to see the suffering caused by the English. Madame Gervaise, a nun, tries to reason with the young girl, but Jeannette is ready to take up arms for the salvation of souls and the liberation of the Kingdom of France.

Attending: Lise Leplat Prudhomme

09/11 12:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/12 4:30PM (PS/V6),
09/15 6:00PM (PS/V2), 09/17 9:30PM (PS/V2)

92 min

GALA PRESENTATIONS



Kings

World Premiere

Director: Deniz Gamze Ergüven

Cast: Halle Berry, Daniel Craig, Lamar Johnson, Kaalan "KR" Walker, Rachel Hilson

International Sales: IMR

US Distributor: The Orchard

Canadian Distributor: The Orchard

In the English-language debut from writer-director Deniz Gamze Ergüven (*Mustang*), a recluse (Daniel Craig) helps a woman (Halle Berry) and her multiple children when riots erupt in Los Angeles following the 1992 acquittal of the policemen charged with assaulting Rodney King.

Attending: Deniz Gamze Ergüven, Halle Berry & Daniel Craig

09/13 6:30PM (PS/V7), 09/14 2:30PM (PS/V3), 09/15 9:30AM
(P&I/V1), 09/17 12:30PM (PS/V1)

96 min

TIFF DOCS (CLOSING FILM)

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Makala

Director: Emmanuel Gras

Cast: Kabwita Kasongo, Lydie Kasongo

International Sales: Les Films du Losange

A young man from a village in the Congo hopes to offer his family a better future. His only resources are his own two hands, the surrounding bush, and an iron will. When he sets out on an exhausting, perilous journey to sell the fruit of his labor, he discovers the true value of his efforts, and the price of his dreams.

Attending: Emmanuel Gras

09/09 11:00AM (P&I/V1), 09/14 6:30PM (PS/V1),
09/15 9:15AM (PS/V2), 09/16 9:30PM (PS/V1)

86 min

WAVELENGTHS



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Mrs. Fang

Fang Xiuying

Director: **Wang Bing**International Sales: **Asian Shadows**

In a quiet village in southern China, Fang Xiuying is 67 years old. Having suffered from Alzheimer's for several years, with advanced symptoms and ineffective treatment, she was sent back home. Now, bedridden, she is surrounded by her relatives and neighbors, as they witness and accompany her through her last days.

**09/08 4:45PM (P&I/V1), 09/13 6:45PM (PS/V2),
09/15 6:30PM (PS/V6)**

110 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



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Number One

Numéro Une

World PremiereDirector: **Tonie Marshall**Cast: **Emmanuelle Devos, Suzanne Clément,
Richard Berry, Benjamin Biolay**International Sales: **Pyramide International**

Through hard work, Emmanuelle Blachey, a brilliant and voluntary engineer, has earned top position at the executive committee of the French leading energy company. Married, mother of two children, her success seems almost perfect. One day, a powerful and influential women network offers to help her become president of a CAC 40 company. But to be at the top in a men's world, you must risk it all!

Attending: **Tonie Marshall**

**09/08 9:30PM (PS/V1), 09/09 4:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/10 12:15PM
(PS/V2), 09/12 8:45AM (P&I/V1), 09/15 12:15PM (PS/V1)**

92 min

DISCOVERY



Oblivion Verses

Los Versos del Olvido

Director: **Alireza Khatami**Cast: **Juan Margallo, Tomás del Estal, Manuel Moron**International Sales: **UDI – Urban Distribution International**

When the elderly caretaker of a remote morgue discovers the body of a young woman killed during a protest, he embarks on a magical odyssey to give her a proper burial before the militia returns.

Attending: **Alireza Khatami**

**09/08 7:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/11 9:15PM (PS/V1), 09/12 3:00PM
(P&I/V1), 09/13 4:15PM (PS/V2), 09/15 12:45PM (PS/V6)**

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73 min

WAVELENGTHS



Occidental

Director: Neïl Beloufa

Cast: Paul Hamy, Idir Chender, Anna Ivacheff, Louise Orry-Diquéro, Hamza Meziani

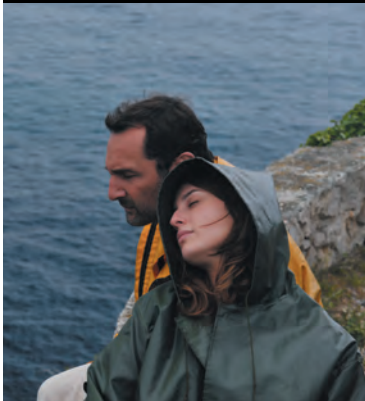
International Sales: MPM Film

The streets of Paris are taken by barricades and protesters. Antonio and Giorgio, an eccentric and improbable couple, take refuge in the Hotel Occidental. Diana, the manager, instantly suspects their attitude and calls the police. With no proper evidence, the officers and the hotel crew find themselves on a series of absurd anecdotal events that reflects satirically the uneasy context of our time.

**09/09 2:30PM (PS/V6), 09/10 2:30PM (P&I/V1),
09/14 8:15PM (PS/V6), 09/16 7:00PM (PS/V6)**

102 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Plonger (Diving)

World Premiere

Plonger

Director: Mélanie Laurent

Cast: Gilles Lellouche, María Valverde, Ibrahim Ahmed, Marie Denarnaud, Noémie Merlant

International Sales: WTFilms

César and Paz are madly in love. Paz, a Spanish photographer, is always looking for new experiences. But César, previously a war journalist, is looking for peace and quiet. Paz gets pregnant and the perspective of motherhood smothers her. Each day she becomes more distant, lost in a quest she can't quite grasp herself. Until she suddenly leaves behind César and their baby with no explanation.

Attending: Mélanie Laurent, Gilles Lellouche & María Valverde

**09/09 9:00AM (P&I/V1), 09/12 2:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/15 8:30PM
(PS/V8), 09/16 12:45PM (PS/V2), 09/17 3:00PM (PS/V1)**

92 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



The Price of Success

World Premiere

Le Prix du succès

Director: Teddy Lussi-Modeste

Cast: Tahar Rahim, Maïwenn, Roschdy Zem

International Sales: Indie Sales Company

Brahim is a successful stand-up comedian from a working-class family. His swift rise to fame has a price: Brahim is constantly under pressure, torn between elder brother Mourad, who is also his manager, and Linda, his girlfriend and artistic director. To fulfill his dream, write his second show, Brahim must break free of his brother's grip, even if it means paying an even bigger price.

Attending: Teddy Lussi-Modeste, Maïwenn & Roschdy Zem

**09/07 6:00PM (PS/V3), 09/08 12:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/09 9:15AM
(PS/V2), 09/12 1:45PM (P&I/V1), 09/16 12:15PM (PS/V1)**

FEATURE FILMS

109 min

PLATFORM



Razzia World Premiere

Director: Nabil Ayouch

Cast: Maryam Touzani, Ariele Worthalter, Amine Ennaji, Abdelilah Rachid, Dounia Binebine

International Sales: Films Distribution

Casablanca, Morocco. A city in which five different stories unfold. Different faces, different struggles, but all united around one same event, when the city roars.

Attending: Nabil Ayouch & Maryam Touzani

09/09 11:45AM (P&I/V1), 09/11 5:00PM (PS/V8),

09/12 4:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/13 11:45AM (PS/V2),

09/15 9:00AM (P&I/V1), 09/15 3:15PM (PS/V2)

107 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Redoubtable

Le Redoutable

Director: Michel Hazanavicius

Cast: Louis Garrel, Stacy Martin, Bérénice Bejo, Micha Lescot, Grégory Gadebois

International Sales: Wild Bunch

US Distributor: Cohen Media Group

Canadian Distributor: The Archive (English-speaking Canada) & MK2 MILE END (French-speaking Canada)

Jean-Luc Godard, the most renowned filmmaker of his generation, is shooting *La Chinoise* with the woman he loves, 20 years his junior. Happy, in love, magnetic, they marry. But the film's reception and the events of May '68 will unleash a profound self-examination in Jean-Luc, radically changing him, rendering him a misunderstood outsider.

Attending: Michel Hazanavicius & Louis Garrel

09/09 2:00PM (P&I/V1), 09/14 9:15PM (PS/V3),

09/15 6:00PM (PS/V1), 09/17 9:45AM (PS/V1)

108 min

MIDNIGHT MADNESS



Revenge World Premiere

Director: Coralie Fargeat

Cast: Matilda Lutz, Kevin Janssens

International Sales: Charades

US Distributor: Shudder AMC Networks

Canadian Distributor: Shudder AMC Networks

Three middle-aged CEOs, all married family men, get together for their annual hunting game in a desert canyon. But this time, one of them has come along with his mistress, a highly sexy Lolita who arouses the interest of the two others. Things get out of hand. Left for dead in desert hell, the young woman comes back to life... and the hunting game turns into a ruthless manhunt.

Attending: Coralie Fargeat & Matilda Lutz

09/10 11:59PM (PS/V5), 09/11 3:45PM (PS/V1), 09/11 11:30AM

(P&I/V1), 09/14 4:30PM (P&I/V1), 09/16 3:30PM (PS/V1)

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V6 Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario **V7** Roy Thomson Hall **V8** Winter Garden Theatre

100 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



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A Season in France

World Premiere

Une saison en France

Director: Mahamat-Saleh Haroun

Cast: Eriq Ebouaney, Sandrine Bonnaire, Ibrahim Burama Darboe

International Sales: mk2 films

Canadian Distributor: MK2 MILE END

Abbas, a high school teacher in the Central African Republic, has fled his war-torn country with his two children. They now live in France, where Abbas works at a food market, while applying for political asylum. A French woman, Carole, falls in love with him and offers a roof for him and his family. When Abbas' application is rejected, they face a crucial decision.

Attending: Mahamat-Saleh Haroun & Sandrine Bonnaire

09/08 2:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/09 6:00PM (PS/V3), 09/11 1:00PM (PS/V2), 09/12 8:30AM (P&I/V1), 09/17 12:45PM (PS/V2)

MASTERS

April's Daughter
Las Hijas de Abril

Director: **Michel Franco**
International Sales: **mk2 films / Protagonist Pictures**
Countries: **Mexico, France**

Loveless
Nelyubov

Director: **Andrei Zviagintsev**
International Sales: **Wild Bunch**
Countries: **Russia, France, Germany, Belgium**

Rainbow
Una questione privata

Directors: **Paolo & Vittorio Taviani**
International Sales: **Pyramide International**
Countries: **Italy, France**

Zama

Director: **Lucrecia Martel**
International Sales: **The Match Factory**
Countries: **Argentina, Brazil, France, Spain, The Netherlands, Portugal, Mexico, USA**

PLATFORM

The Death of Stalin

Director: **Armando Iannucci**
International Sales: **Gaumont**
Countries: **UK, France, Belgium**

DISCOVERY

I Am Not a Witch

Director: **Rungano Nyoni**
International Sales: **Kinology**
Countries: **UK, France, Zambia**

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Call Me by Your Name

Director: **Luca Guadagnino**
International Sales: **Memento Films International**
Countries: **Italy, France**

The Captain
Der Hauptmann

Director: **Robert Schwentke**
International Sales: **Alfama Films**
Countries: **Germany, France, Poland**

The Cured

Director: **David Freyne**
International Sales: **Bac Films**
Countries: **Ireland, UK, France**

Foxtrot

Director: **Samuel Maoz**
International Sales: **The Match Factory**
Countries: **Israel, Germany, France**

In the Fade
Aus dem Nichts

Director: **Fatih Akin**
International Sales: **The Match Factory**
Countries: **Germany, France**

Racer and the Jailbird
Le Fidèle

Director: **Michaël R. Roskam**
International Sales: **Wild Bunch**
Countries: **Belgium, France**

Radiance
Hikari

Director: **Naomi Kawase**
International Sales: **mk2 films**
Countries: **Japan, France**

Submergence

Director: **Wim Wenders**
International Sales: **Embankment Films**
Countries: **USA, France**

Thelma

Director: **Joachim Trier**
International Sales: **Memento Films International**
Countries: **Norway, France**

CONTEMPORARY WORLD CINEMA

A Ciambra

Director: **Jonas Carpignano**
International Sales: **Luxbox**
Countries: **Brazil, USA, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden**

Ana, mon amour

Director: **Calin Peter Netzer**
International Sales: **Beta Film GmbH**
Countries: **Romania, France, Germany**

Angels Wear White

Jia Nian Hua

Director: Vivian Qu

International Sales: TF1 Studio

Countries: China, France

Hannah

Director: Andrea Pallaoro

International Sales: TF1 Studio

Countries: Italy, Belgium, France

Insyriated

Une famille syrienne

Director: Philippe Van Leeuw

International Sales: Films Boutique

Countries: Belgium, France

The Journey

Director: Mohamed Al-Daradji

Countries: UK, Iraq, France

Marlina the Murderer in Four Acts

Marlina si Pembunuh dalam Empat Babak

Director: Mouly Surya

International Sales: Asian Shadows

Countries: Indonesia, France, Malaysia, Thailand

A Sort of Family

Una especie de familia

Director: Diego Lerman

International Sales: Film Factory

Countries: Argentina, Brazil, France, Poland, Germany

The Summit

La Cordillera

Director: Santiago Mitre

International Sales: Film Factory

Countries: Argentina, France, Spain

Wajib

Director: Annemarie Jacir

International Sales: Pyramide International

Countries: Palestine, France, Germany, Colombia,
Norway, Qatar, UAE

TIFF DOCS

Cocaine Prison

Los Burritos

Director: Violeta Ayala

Countries: Bolivia, France

Of Sheep and Men

Des moutons et des hommes

Director: Karim Sayad

Countries: Switzerland, France, Qatar

The Other Side of Everything

Druga strana svega

Director: Mila Turajlic

Countries: Serbia, France

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Let the Corpses Tan

Laissez bronzer les cadavres

Directors: Hélène Cattet & Bruno Forzani

International Sales: Bac Films

Countries: Belgium, France

SHORT FILMS

50 min

WAVELENGTHS



Beyond the One World Premiere

Director: Anna Marziano
International Sales: Phantom
US Distributor: Phantom
Canadian Distributor: Phantom

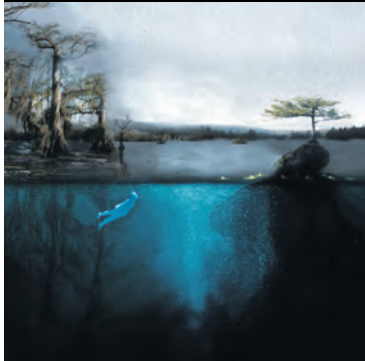
Through a selection of excerpts from music, film and literature, the film opens a conversation that crosses the labyrinth of domestic violence and pain caused by ideals or circumstances.

Attending: Anna Marziano

09/08 4:30PM (PS/V6), 09/09 11:30AM (P&I/V1), 09/10 2:30PM (PS/V2)

11 min

SHORT CUTS



Charles World Premiere

Director: Dominic Etienne Simard
Canadian Distributor: ONF

Charles, a little kid with adult-sized problems, must look after his neglectful mom. At school, he's the target of bullies. To escape the teasing, he journeys into a parallel world, a watery haven populated by frogs.

Attending: Dominic Etienne Simard

09/09 9:45PM (PS/V1), 09/10 12:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/15 9:30PM (PS/V1)

14 min

SHORT CUTS



The Death, Dad & Son La Mort, Père & Fils

Directors: Denis Walgenwitz & Winshluss World Premiere
International Sales: Autour de Minuit

The Death's son doesn't want to take back the family business. He has the secret dream to become a guardian angel, this will trigger a succession of collapses. His dad will have to get him out of this mess.

Attending: Denis Walgenwitz

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4 min

WAVELENGTHS



Division Movement to Vungtau

Directors: Benjamin Crotty & Bertrand Dezoteux

Walking a line between home movie, experimental film and propaganda short, *Division Movement to Vungtau* offers an absurd “reverse shot” of military abuses and excesses. Inserting 3D fruits into amateur footage shot by US soldiers during the Vietnam War, these vignettes re-imagine wartime fact as tropical cinematic fiction.

09/10 7:15PM (PS/V2)

15 min

SHORT CUTS



A Gentle Night

Xiao Cheng Er Yue

Director: Qiu Yang

Cast: Li Shuxian

International Sales: New Europe Film Sales

In a nameless Chinese city, a mother with her daughter missing refuses to go gentle into this good night.

09/11 6:45PM (PS/V1), 09/12 9:15AM (P&I/V1), 09/17 1:00PM (PS/V1)

16 min

SHORT CUTS



I Didn't Shoot Jesse James

Je n'ai pas tué Jesse James

Director: Sophie Beaulieu

Cast: Tchéky Karyo, Patrick d'Assumção, Florence Thomassin, Éric Guérin

International Sales: Premium Films

Jesse James is preparing a new bank robbery, after many months of inactivity. But his lifelong partner Bob Ford has more stable projects with his fiancée Cynthia. A weak man more than a coward, Bob just can't tell Jesse. But will he go as far as killing him? What if the story of Jesse James and killer Bob Ford was just a glorified expression of an unlikely vision of masculinity?

Attending: Sophie Beaulieu

09/10 3:45PM (PS/V1), 09/11 9:00AM (P&I/V1), 09/16 3:00PM (PS/V1)

SHORT FILMS

30 min

WAVELENGTHS

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La Libertad

Director: Laura Huertas Millán

Cast: Mariana de Navarro, Inés Navarro, Margarita Navarro, Crispina Navarro, Gerardo Navarro

Matriarchies have assembled around the backstrap loom, a weaving Pre-Hispanic technique preserved for centuries by indigenous women in Mesoamerica. *La Libertad* unfolds like a weaving of figures and gestures constituting this labor, circulating between a domestic space, an archeology museum and a cooperative. Various communities and ecologies entwine around handicraft — expanding liberty.

Attending: Laura Huertas Millán

09/11 4:00 PM (PS/V2)

22 min

SHORT CUTS



Lower Heaven

World Premiere

Director: Emad Aleebrahim Dehkordi

Cast: Abbas Hosseini Poor, Reza Beheshti, Zarif Najib Allah, Mir Allah Hoseini

International Sales: La Luna Diffusion

Three days in the lives of two young Afghan brothers and illegal immigrants, who have recently arrived from Iran, and whose fate is turned head over heels just when a better life seems to open up before them.

Attending: Emad Aleebrahim Dehkordi

09/11 6:45PM (PS/V1), 09/12 9:15AM (P&I/V1), 09/17 1:00PM (PS/V1)

19 min

SHORT CUTS



Marlon

Director: Jessica Palud

Cast: Flavie Delangle, Anne Suarez, Jonathan Couzinié, Brigitte Boutard, Catherine Salée

International Sales: L'Agence du court métrage

Marlon, 14 years old, is visiting her mother in jail for the first time since her imprisonment. The young girl, protected by her family and relatives, stubbornly believes that her mother is still her childhood heroine...

Attending: Jessica Palud

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15 min

SHORT CUTS



Mon amour mon ami

Director: Adriano Valerio

Cast: Fouad Miftah, Daniela Brandi

Daniela and Fouad are two wounded souls. Their meeting has marked the beginning of a healing friendship, or perhaps, of a love story. A white wedding between them seems about to happen, till the ambiguity of Fouad's feelings starts worrying Daniela. The film begins at this moment.

Attending: Adriano Valerio

09/09 9:45PM (PS/V1), 09/10 12:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/15 9:30PM (PS/V1)

16 min

SHORT CUTS



The Treehouse

World Premiere

La casa del arbol

Director: Juan Sebastián Quebrada

Cast: Luna Acosta, Juan Lugo Quebrada

Today, Veronica moves in with Mateo. Is this the beginning or the end?

Attending: Juan Sebastián Quebrada

09/09 9:45PM (PS/V1), 09/10 12:15PM (P&I/V1), 09/15 9:30PM (PS/V1)

8 min

SHORT CUTS



Wicked Girl

Kötü Kız

Director: Ayce Kartal

Voice-over: Zeynep Naz Daldal

International Sales: Les Valseurs

S., 8 years old, is a little Turkish girl with an overflowing imagination. She is keen on nature and animals. As she is in hospital, she is looking back on happy holidays in her grandparents' village, but dark and terrifying memories emerge and, little by little, begin to make sense.

Attending: Ayce Kartal

09/08 4:30PM (PS/V1), 09/09 9:15AM (P&I/V1), 09/14 9:30PM (PS/V1)

SPECIAL EVENT

ROBERT GUÉDIGUIAN RETROSPECTIVE

As a tribute to his presence at the 42nd edition of TIFF, Alliance Française — with the support of UniFrance, the Cultural Service of the Embassy of France, Institut français and Criterion Pictures — celebrates Robert Guédiguian, both director of the legendary *Marius et Jeannette* and producer of cinematic treasures such as *My Sweet Pepper Land*. Through a selection of films and a Masterclass, this retrospective invites the public to discover both side of his brilliant career.

September 10, 11 & 13

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Armenia

Le Voyage en Arménie

Director: Robert Guédiguian / **Cast:** Ariane Ascaride, Gérard Meylan, Simon Abkarian, Serge Avédikian / **Length:** 125 min

Barsam, Anna's father, is seriously ill. Before he dies, he would like to bequeath his daughter something: he would like to teach her doubt. As he flees to Armenia, he leaves many clues behind for her to find him. This obliged journey in an unknown country will become for Anna what her father expected it to be: an initiatory journey, a sentimental training, a brand new adolescence...

Sunday, 9/10 4:00PM



My Sweet Pepper Land

Director: Hiner Saleem / **Cast:** Golshifteh Farahani, Korkmaz Arslan / **Length:** 95 min

After the fall of Saddam Hussein, Baran, a Kurdish independence war hero, resolves to accept a position in a godforsaken village at the borders of Iran and Turkey, an illegal trafficking Mecca. There he meets Govend, a beautiful young woman who has come to work as the teacher in the newly-opened school despite her twelve brothers' hostility to the idea.

Monday, 09/11 8:00PM



Snows of Kilimanjaro

Les Neiges du Kilimandjaro

Director: Robert Guédiguian / **Cast:** Ariane Ascaride, Jean-Pierre Darroussin, Gérard Meylan, Grégoire Leprince-Ringuet, Anaïs Demoustier / **Length:** 107 min

Although he has lost his job, Michel lives happily with his wife, surrounded by his loving family and friends. The serenity of their life is shattered when two masked men break into their home and brutally hold them up. When Michel later learns that the crime was organised by a former colleague struggling to look after his two younger brothers, the shocking event becomes even more disturbing.

Wednesday, 9/13 6:30PM

Followed from 8:15PM to 9:15PM by a Masterclass with Robert Guédiguian moderated by Claudia Hébert, expert on cinema, journalist and filmmaker



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