

SCARBOROUGH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FULL LINEUP AND SCHEDULE AND SETS TO TAKE OVER THE EAST SIDE OF TORONTO

Toronto, May 16th. Scarborough Film Festival's co-Directors, Sergei Petrov and June Kim, officially announced the final line-up of films set to premiere at this year's festival. 9 features and 7 shorts film have been selected to play at the 1st Scarborough Film Festival this June.

As the festival unfolds from June 4th to the 9th, the audience will get a chance to see an overall stunning lineup of films from India, Russia, Iran, United States, Algeria, France, Canada, Italy, Estonia, and as far as away as Australia, and can expect to see anything from films by world renowned filmmakers to award winning documentaries to experimental short films.

Scarborough Film Festival will hold 3 World, 1 North American, 5 Canadian and 4 Ontario Premieres.

2 Toronto based filmmakers and 4 short films by local Scarborough filmmakers have been chosen to run at the festival. Ryan O'Callaghan who has Written, Produced and stars in a feature film "Placebo", selected to play at the festival, grew up in Scarborough before moving to New York. "We are thrilled at a chance to showcase Scarborough's talent at its best! We are proud to not only showcase Scarborough as a great neighborhood to the public, by bringing films from across the globe, but also to highlight the amazing filmmakers that grew up or still reside in Scarborough," said Petrov.

5 awards will be given out, including Audience Choice Awards to a feature and short film. 6 in-Competition feature films will vie for the Festival Grand Prix, Best Director and Best Cinematography, as decided by the festival Jury: Sudz Sutherland – a Scarborough native and an award winning filmmaker, Karen Bruce – Director of Membership at Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television and Canadian film industry veteran, Eli Glasner – reporter and film critic with CBC, Mohit Rajhans – Film Critic – CityNews and OMNI Television, Deanna Wong – Administrative Director of REEL CANADA

Complete festival schedule is available online, along with the description of each film. Scarborough Film Festival will run June 4th – 9th holding screenings at the Fox Theatre and University of Toronto Scarborough campus theatre. Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door on the day of the screening.

About Scarborough Film Festival

Scarborough Film Festival is a volunteer-driven Non-For-Profit run collective led by arts and culture-professionals and aficionados. There is no organization in Scarborough or similar organization outside of Toronto downtown core that currently provides the services and emphasis that Scarborough Film Festival will provide by bridging Scarborough and downtown

Toronto, bringing people and cultures together in more accessible ways. Scarborough Film Festival will be filling an important gap in alternative programming, education and entertainment, and enhancing cultural scene of East York and Scarborough through the art of film.

The Scarborough Film Festival is generously supported by local and national organizations: WJ Properties, KPMG, OMNI Television, Scarborough Arts, Centennial College, University of Toronto Scarborough, GiftCardsWild, Pattison Onestop, Full Media Center, Social Media Learning, Doris McCarthy Gallery, Scarborough Mirror and Metroland Media Group.

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