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SCARBOROUGH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2014 LINEUP

Toronto, May 15th. Scarborough Film Festival's Executive Director, Sergei Petrov, officially announced the 2014 Festival line-up of films set to premiere at this year's festival. 16 features and 18 shorts film have been selected to screen at the 2nd Scarborough Film Festival, June 3rd – 8th.

The audience will get a chance to see an overall a stunning lineup of films from masters of cinematic art to up and coming filmmakers. Works by such filmmakers as Toronto's own Richie Mehta, Turkish master Tayfun Pirselimoglu, renowned Indian Directors Jayan Cherian and Amit Dutta, Eduardo Roy Jr. of Philippines, award-winning Brazilian Director Marcelo Gomes, and the Directorial debut of Canadian actor Ted Atherton, as well as films starring Scarborough natives Mark Taylor, Michael Wincott, and Gemini-Nominated John Ralston.

This year, the Scarborough Film Festival will present 16 features and 18 short films from over 20 countries including Canada, USA, China, Poland, India, Brazil, Mexico, France, Germany, Spain, Somalia and many others. The Festival will host 4 World, 1 International, 3 North American, 15 Canadian and 8 Ontario Premieres.

The North American Premiere of *Grand Street* by Lex Sidón will kick off the Festival as the Opening Night film, starring Sophie Auster, Dan Bittner, Toronto native Neal Bledsoe, and Scarborough native, Michael Wincott. The short film "Cliffside" by a Scarborough Director, Steven Matthew Hoffner, will precede the feature screening.

Scarborough Film Festival is pleased to present and shine a spotlight on Scarborough's and Toronto's local filmmaking talent, with 7 films, both shorts and features, which have a direct association to Scarborough and Toronto.

6 prizes will be awarded at the end of the Festival: 5 in-Competition feature films will vie for the Festival Grand Prix, Best Director and Best Cinematography, as decided by the Festival Jury: Justine Whyte – Director and Executive Producer, CFC Features; Jason Anderson – Writer and Film critic; Lance Samuels – Producer with an International reach; George Tsioutsoulas – Scarborough native Director and Producer. The Short Film Jury Committee will decide on the Best Short Film Award from 8 in-Competition films: Brad Horvath - Producer, Sales Executive, and content rights strategist; Louis Calabro - Director, Awards & Special Events, Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television, and Director and Founder of The Prism Prize; Magali Simard - Shorts Cuts Programmer (International and Canada), Manager Film Programmes, TIFF; Garry Leonard – Author, Film Scholar, and Professor of Literature and Film at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Our attending public will be asked to cast their vote for Audience Choice Awards for features and short.

Thanks to our new Presenting Sponsor, University of Toronto, Scarborough Film Festival will present multiple new initiatives, including free public screenings, educational workshops and screenings, a showcase of local musical talents,

an education activation center, and of course fun Galas and screenings of great films!

Scarborough Film Festival will run June 3rd – 8th at the University of Toronto Scarborough, The Fox Theatre, Woodside Cinema, Cineplex Coliseum, and the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre. Selected Tickets can be purchased in advance online beginning Friday, May 16 at 10am, or onsite at the venues on the day of the screening, throughout the Festival.

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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 provides. Scarborough Film Festival is filling an important gap in alternative programming, education and entertainment, and enhancing cultural landscape of East York and Scarborough through the art of international films and multicultural cinema.

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