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CFC Celebrates Alumni Projects at the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival

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Toronto, August 13, 2015 – For the past 27 years, the **Canadian Film Centre** (CFC) has celebrated their numerous and varied alumni projects involved in the **Toronto International Film Festival®**, and this year is no exception. CFC is pleased to announce that more than 25 alumni projects with 45 alumni attached in various roles in front of and behind the camera will participate in the 40th festival, which runs from September 10 to 20, 2015.

BENJAMIN, a 2015 Canadian Film Centre Production from director **Sherren Lee**, writer **Kathleen Hepburn**, producers **Courtenay Bainbridge**, **William Woods** and **Marc Tetreault** and editor **Simone Smith**, starring Actors Conservatory alumni **Kimberly Laferriere** and **Jean-Michel Le Gal**, with music from composer duo Menalon, comprised of **Joseph Murray** and **Lodewijk Vos**, will see its world premiere in the Short Cuts program at this year's festival. Eight additional shorts with CFC alumni involved will screen as part of the Short Cuts lineup: *Bacon & God's Wrath* (world premiere), with music by Slight Music alumni **Joseph Murray** and **Lodewijk Vos**; *Boxing* (world premiere), with music from Slight Music alumnus **Ben Fox**; *Clouds of Autumn* (North American premiere), executive produced by **Jennifer Podemski**; *It's Not You* (world premiere), from director **Don McKellar** and edited by **Matthew Hannam**; *Mia'* (world premiere), edited and produced by **Luke Sargent**, featuring music by **Joseph Murray** and **Lodewijk Vos**; *Mobilize* (world premiere), produced by **Anita Lee**; *Never Happened* (world premiere), edited by **Matthew Hannam**; *Never Steady, Never Still* (world premiere), from writer/director **Kathleen Hepburn**, edited by **Simone Smith**, and featuring music by **Ben Fox**; and *Portal to Hell!!!* (world premiere), from director/executive producer **Vivieno Caldinelli** and executive producers **Andrew Rosen** and **Anthony Leo**.

CFC alumni are also involved in several features screening in various programmes at TIFF 2015. Catch Actors Conservatory and 2011 TIFF Rising Star **Sarah Allen** in the Galas programme presentation and world premiere of *Beeba Boys* (Deepa Mehta, director), alongside actor alumnus **Gabe Grey** and current actor resident **Gia Sandhu**. **Natalie Krill**, another actor alumna, can be seen in the North American premiere of *Remember* (Atom Egoyan, director), which also screens in the Galas programme, and is produced by alumna **Paula Devonshire** and features music by the CFC's Slight Music Composer Chair Mychael Danna.

The Special Presentations lineup features the world premieres of four films with CFC alumni involved: *Born to be Blue*, produced by **Leonard Farlinger**, featuring **Charles Officer** and music by Slight Music alumnus **Todor Kobakov**; *Into the Forest*, edited by **Matthew Hannam**, with **Jorge Weisz** as assembly editor; *Guantanamo's Child: Omar Khadr*, executive produced/produced by **Peter Raymont**; and *Ninth Floor*, from writer/director **Mina Shum**.

CFC alumni worked on all five of the Canadian features screening as part of the Discovery programme: *Closet Monster*, from writer/director **Stephen Dunn**, developed through CFC's Cineplex Entertainment Film Program, features music by **Todor Kobakov** and was edited by **Bryan Atkinson**; *Fire Song*, starring **Jennifer Podemski**, with music from **David Arcus**; *The Rainbow Kid*, with **Andrew Barnsley** as executive producer, **Anneli Ekborn** as associate producer, and current Cineplex Entertainment Film Program resident **Michael Pierro** as editor; *River*, executive produced by **David Miller**, with **Matthew Hannam** involved as consulting editor; and *Sleeping Giant*, executive produced by CFC Features alumnus **Aeschylus Poulos**.

The Vanguard and Wavelengths programmes each feature one film with CFC alumni attached: *Hellions*, which sees its Canadian premiere in the Vanguard lineup, was written by **Pascal Trottier** and features music by **Todor Kobakov**; and the Wavelength programme presents the world premiere of *Invention*, executive produced/produced by alumna **Anita Lee**.

Additionally, CFC alumni have been selected as finalists in Telefilm Canada's PITCH THIS! challenge, including **Jordan Canning** and **Andrew Nicholas McCann Smith** with their project *Claire, from the Bus*; **Laura Perlmutter** and **Daniel Perlmutter** with their project *Demonolatry*; **A.J. Bond** with his project *E.V.E.*; **Matthew Hannam**, co-creator on the project *Mohammed VI*; and **Sharon Lewis** with her CFC-supported Indiegogo campaign project *Brown Girl In The Ring: The Prequel*.

CFC extends congratulations to all alumni participating in the 40th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival. This year's alumni achievements will be celebrated at the CFC Annual BBQ Fundraiser taking place on Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. ET. CFC Founder and Chair Emeritus Norman Jewison and CFC CEO Slawko Klymkiw will host select Canadian and international onscreen talent as well as film, TV and digital media industry professionals on CFC's campus. The CFC Annual BBQ Fundraiser is one of the CFC's biggest fundraising events that supports the development of Canada's creative and entrepreneurial talent in the screen-based entertainment industries. For more information on the 2015 CFC Annual BBQ Fundraiser, please visit: bbq.cfccreates.com, or email cangeletti@cfccreates.com.

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