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TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ORIGNALLY KNOWN AS THE FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

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- Platform line-up was just announced :

Platform films will screen from Thursday, September 10 to Thursday, September 17. Each film will have its first screening for public, press and industry at the Visa Screening Room at the Elgin Theatre.

An international jury composed of acclaimed filmmakers Jia Zhang-ke, Claire Denis and Agnieszka Holland will award the Toronto Platform Prize (\$25,000 CAD) to the best film in the programme, which will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on September 20, 2015.

"We created this new programme as a way to sharpen our focus on artistically ambitious cinema in our 40th year and we are thrilled to be able to put the spotlight on these 12 brilliant filmmakers this September," said Piers Handling, Director and CEO of TIFF. "They are major creative forces: the next generation of masters whose personal vision will captivate audiences, industry members and media from around the world."

- Primetime is a new section : will showcase six offerings from the strongest in international television, many of the shows will be available on platforms across North America after the festival. Exploring the shows that currently aren't being broadcast in North America is part of the adventure.

Founded in 1976, TIFF is now one of the most prestigious events of its kind in the world. In 2007, Time noted that TIFF had "grown from its place as the most influential fall film festival to the most influential film festival, period." This is partially the result of TIFF's ability and reputation for generating "Oscar buzz"

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