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**FIN Atlantic International Film Festival announces special guests for Gala Presentations:
Willem Dafoe, Robert Eggers, François Girard, Atom Egoyan and Ellen Page will visit
Halifax for event, September 12 - 19**

(Halifax, NS) – Along with a stellar lineup of films in the Gala Presentations Program, the 2019 **FIN Atlantic International Film Festival**, Sept. 12-19 in Halifax, is honoured to host world-class talent, including four-time Academy Award Nominee, **Willem Dafoe**, the much talked about director, **Robert Eggers**, award-winning Canadian directors, **François Girard** and **Atom Egoyan** and Nova Scotia superstar, **Ellen Page**.

The full list of special guests, includes:

MURMUR

Opening Night Gala Presentation

Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m. - Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

[Heather Young, Director/Writer/Producer](#)

[Martha Cooley, Producer](#)

[Shan MacDonald, Actress](#)

ASSHOLES: A THEORY

Gala Presentation

Friday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[John Walker, Director/Writer/Producer](#)

[Ann Bernier, Producer](#)

THE SONG OF NAMES

Gala Presentation

Saturday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[François Girard, Director](#)

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE WATER

Gala Presentation

Saturday, September 14, 9:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[Ellen Page, Director/Producer](#)

[Ian Daniel, Director/Producer](#)

[Ingrid Waldron, Producer/Author](#)

GUEST OF HONOUR

Gala Presentation

Sunday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[Atom Egoyan, Director/Writer/Producer](#)

CONVICTION

Gala Presentation

Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[Nance Akerman, Director/Cinematographer/Editor](#)

[Ariella Pahlke, Director](#)

[Teresa MacInnes, Director/Producer/ Editor](#)

Subjects of the film will also be in attendance

REEL EAST COAST SHORTS GALA

Gala Presentation

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[Deanne Foley \(RADICAL\)](#), [Jenna MacMillan \(SUNNYSIDE\)](#), [Jillian Acreman \(NORTH\)](#), [Adam](#)

[DeViller \(BAD MORNING\)](#), [Anna Wheeler \(MELODY\)](#), [Millefiore Clarkes \(SOLASTALGIA\)](#),

[Bretten Hannam \(WILDFIRE\)](#), [Charles Wahl \(LITTLE GREY BUBBLES\)](#), [Sandi Rankaduwa](#)

[\(ICE BREAKERS\)](#)

WILLIE

Gala Presentation

Wednesday, September 18, 9:30 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[Laurence Mathieu-Leger, Director/Producer/Cinematographer/Editor](#)

[Willie O'Ree, Subject](#)

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Closing Night Gala Presentation

Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m. - Cineplex Cinemas Park Lane

[Robert Eggers, Director/Writer](#)

[Willem Dafoe, Actor](#)

In addition to over 50 filmmakers in attendance for feature and short films from Atlantic Canada, the 2019 Atlantic International Film Festival will also have the following guests travelling to Halifax:

Special Presentation

BLOOD QUANTUM

[Jeff Barnaby, Director/Writer](#)

Features Program

A FIRE IN THE COLD SEASON

[Justin Oakey, Director/Writer/Producer/Editor](#)

BODY & BONES

[Melanie Oates, Director/Writer/Producer](#)

Chris Hatcher, Producer

ENTROPIC

R.W. Gray, Director/Writer/Producer
Matt Rogers, Producer/Cinematographer

THE REST OF US

Aisling Chin-Yee, Director/Editor
Katie Bird Nolan, Producer
Lindsay Tapscott, Producer

SOMETIMES, ALWAYS, NEVER

Roy Boulter, Producer

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Matthew Rankin, Director/Writer/Editor

Documentaries Program

BECAUSE WE ARE GIRLS

Baljit Sangra, Director/Writer

GHOST ARTIST

Steven Palmer, Director/Writer
Edward Riche, Director/Writer

IT WAS ALL SO WONDERFUL: THE EVERYDAY MAGIC OF MARY PRATT

Kenneth J. Harvey, Director/Writer/Producer/Cinematographer

IT'S IN THE BLOOD ('SAN FHUIL)

Beatrix A. Wood, Director/Writer/Producer/Cinematographer

LUBEN & ELENA

Luben Boykov, Subject

MY DADS, MY MOMS AND ME

Julia Ivanova, Director/Writer/Producer/Cinematographer/Editor

STANDING ON THE LINE

Paul Émile d'Entremont, Director

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT

Aly Kelly, Producer

For full details on all of these films, visit: finfestival.ca.

Tickets for screenings and special events along with passes are available online at finfestival.ca at the Festival Box Office in Park Lane Mall (5657 Spring Garden Road). For hours of operation, visit: finfestival.ca.

Tickets for the Opening Night Film & Celebration are available through the Dalhousie Arts Centre Box Office (6101 University Ave.), by phone at 1-800-874-1669 and online at dal.ca/dept/arts-centre or finfestival.ca. Tickets for the Opening Night Celebration alone will be available at finfestival.ca or at the Festival Box Office.

About FIN Atlantic International Film Festival

FIN Atlantic International Film Festival is an eight-day celebration of film and media from around the world. It's a festival that turns Halifax into an international mecca for the arts, abuzz with movie-lovers and filmmakers alike. Discover a variety of local, national and international films that explore all corners of life, culture, entertainment and the global human experience. A champion of Atlantic Canadian filmmakers, all of our film selections are chosen with our audience in mind and our special events are designed to bring our community together.

A not-for-profit organization, FIN began as a tiny, grassroots operation in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1981, relocating to Halifax the following year. Nearly four decades later, FIN Atlantic International Film Festival has evolved into one of Canada's premier film festivals. Whether for unabashed film-lovers, curious onlookers, or industry folks, FIN offers an ocean of opportunities to engage through the celebration of film.

FIN is now a year-round celebration of film, growing beyond our cornerstone event in September to include: FIN Partners, FIN Kids, FIN Outdoor, FIN Makers and FIN Campus.

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