



7:00 pm (Opening Night) Sponsored by Pearson

Fighting for Peace **North American premiere** (Netherlands, 2015, documentary, 72 min)

Two of the participants in Luta Pela Paz, an NGO and boxing school based in one of Rio's most violent and poorest favelas, are on a quest to become national champions. Douglas has lost a sister to addiction, while Sugar is the sole provider for his mother and seven siblings. Boxing may be their only way out.

Screening with: **Sully's** (Canada, 2014, documentary, 22 min) Toronto's Sully's Gym molded great boxers out of some of the city's most troubled youth.

The Champion **Canadian premiere** (US, 2015, documentary, 18 min) A former Iraqi boxing champion immigrates to the US to build a life for his family.

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12:00pm Sponsored by Harbord Street BIA

9-Man (US, 2014, documentary, 89 min)

A unique game played in the parking lots and alleyways of Chinatowns in North America, 9-man volleyball has evolved into a focal point of debates about community and tradition.

Screening with: **On the Bench** **North American premiere** (France, 2015, fiction, 17 min)



2:30pm **Family Screening**

The Elephant and the Bicycle

(France, 2014, animation, 9 min)

When an elephant sees a billboard advertising a bicycle, his life changes: he has to have that bicycle.

Go Daan Go (Netherlands, 2014, fiction, 15 min)

Daan wants to take up swimming despite his mother's fears that he will inherit the same heart condition that ended her career.

Gabriel Reports on the World Cup

(Netherlands, 2014, documentary, 17 min)

When 14-year-old Gabriel learns development for the 2014 World Cup will destroy his neighbourhood, he turns to journalism to fight inequality and stand up for his rights.



4:00pm

Run Free: The True Story of Caballo Blanco

(US, 2015, documentary, 92 min)

Micah True created an ultramarathon in Mexico's Copper Canyon to promote and preserve the indigenous Tarahumara running tradition. Based on Christopher McDougall's best-selling book, *Born to Run*.

Screening with: **Laps** **International premiere** (US, 2015, documentary, 17 min)



6:30pm

Far From Home **Canadian theatrical premiere**

(US, 2015, documentary, 74 min)

Brolin Maweje found friendship and acceptance in snowboarding as he adapted to a new life in the US. Now he wants to become Uganda's first Winter Olympian.

Co-screening with: **Eastern**

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(Canada, 2016, documentary, 43 min)

As an historic Toronto high school basketball program is ending, four Eastern Commerce students find themselves competing for the school's last chance at championship glory.



9:30pm

Scrum **Toronto theatrical premiere**

(Australia, 2015, documentary, 56 min)

A Canadian jock, an Irish backpacker, and a Japanese outsider vie for positions on the Sydney Convicts, in anticipation of the Bingham Cup, an international gay rugby tournament.

Screening with: **A Tennis Story** **World premiere** (Canada, 2015, documentary, 14 min) **Thanks for Dancing** **Canadian premiere** (Norway, 2016, fiction, 19 min)



12:00pm

Brother's Body **North American premiere**

(Switzerland, 2015, documentary, 87 min)

David Nicolas Parel follows his younger brother as he trains for a major bodybuilding competition and re-immerses himself in the sport to try to strengthen the bonds between them.

Screening with: **Coach** **Toronto premiere** (France, 2014, fiction, 14 min)



2:15pm Sponsored by HighVail

Mount Lawrence **Toronto premiere**

(US, 2015, documentary, 98 min)

Chandler Wild cycles 6,700 miles from New York to Alaska to name a mountain after his father. Along the way he will have to confront his father's suicide.

Screening with: **Ron Taylor: Dr. Baseball** **Toronto premiere** (Canada, 2015, documentary, 20 min)



5:00pm

In the Turn

(US/Canada, 2015, documentary, 93 min)

Crystal, a 10-year-old transgender girl from northern Ontario, discovers acceptance and confidence thanks to the Vagine Regime, who empower transgender, lesbian and queer roller derby skaters.

Screening with: **Bamboule** **North American premiere** (Germany, 2015, fiction, 15 min)



7:30pm (Closing Night) Sponsored by Pearson

Zanzibar Soccer Dreams **World premiere**

(Tanzania/UK, 2016, documentary, 63 min)

The progress achieved by women determined to play soccer in Zanzibar has heralded their transition from social outcasts to national ambassadors. Yet religious, gender and cultural challenges remain.

Co-screening with:

Boxing for Freedom **North American premiere**

(Spain, 2015, documentary, 53 min)

Sadaf Rahimi and her sister, Shabnam, are aiming to box in the London 2012 Olympics despite the challenges of being physically active women in Afghanistan.



FREE: Children's Workshop

Saturday, May 21, 10:30am - 4pm

TIFF Bell Lightbox, Founders' Lounge, 4th Floor

The annual CSFF children's workshop returns offering kids aged 8-12 the chance to watch sport films for young people, make their own stop-motion animation films, and get active.

Includes free entry to Family Screening (2:30pm). Followed by interactive panel with young filmmakers and athletes.

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