

Toronto Palestine Film Festival

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TPFF Announces its 2008 Festival Selections

What: The Toronto Palestine Film Festival (TPFF)
When: October 25 - November 1, 2008
Where: Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor Street West, Toronto
Revue Cinema, 400 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto
NFB Cinema, 150 John Street, Toronto
AMC Courtney Park 16 Theatre, 110 Courtney Park Drive, Mississauga

The **Toronto Palestine Film Festival (TPFF)** released its official selection of films to be screened at this year's festival. Of the 36 films that will be presented, 21 are Canadian premieres. The festival offers a wide selection of award-winning features, documentaries, shorts, experimental films and animation. TPFF is proud to showcase the work of critically acclaimed female directors including Annemarie Jacir, Jackie Reem Salloum, Nicole Ballivian, Line Halvorsen, and Canadians Elle Flanders and Mary Ellen Davis.

TPFF's inaugural season opens on Saturday, October 25th, 2008, with the Canadian premiere of **Salt of This Sea**, by acclaimed Palestinian director Annemarie Jacir. This stunning film was an Official Selection, *Un Certain Regard*, in this year's Cannes Film Festival. Her film follows the journey of two Palestinians as they try to escape the constraints of occupied Palestine. Jackie Reem Salloum closes TPFF with the Canadian premiere of her film **Slingshot Hip Hop**. This riveting documentary, nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival, tells the stories of young Palestinians who discover Hip Hop as a tool to surmount occupation and poverty. Other critically acclaimed films include: **Driving to Zigzigland**, a comedy chronicling a day in the life of a Palestinian taxi driver in Los Angeles; **USA vs. Al-Arian**, a documentary on the US trial and incarceration of Prof. Sami Al-Arian, post-September 11; **The Mountain**, an award winning film about the bonds between generations; and **Chic Point**, a biting satire about a line of haute couture men's fashion designed for use at checkpoints.

In addition to film screenings, TPFF will also feature a public forum entitled **Palestinian Cinema and Cultural Resistance** (November 1, 2008), and a post-screening discussion with Al Haq, a Palestinian law organization, following the presentation of **Memory of the Cactus** (October 29, 2008). For the full TPFF Programme, please visit: <http://www.tpff.ca/program-by-date.htm>.

The Toronto Palestine Film Festival evolved from a series of successful screenings held over the past year in Toronto. TPFF is proud to be sponsored by the Ontario Arts Council, the Toronto Arts Council and Palestine House. To receive a media kit, or to request screeners and interviews, please contact us at: media@tpff.ca or 647-882-9231.

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