

To our Fortissimo Friends:

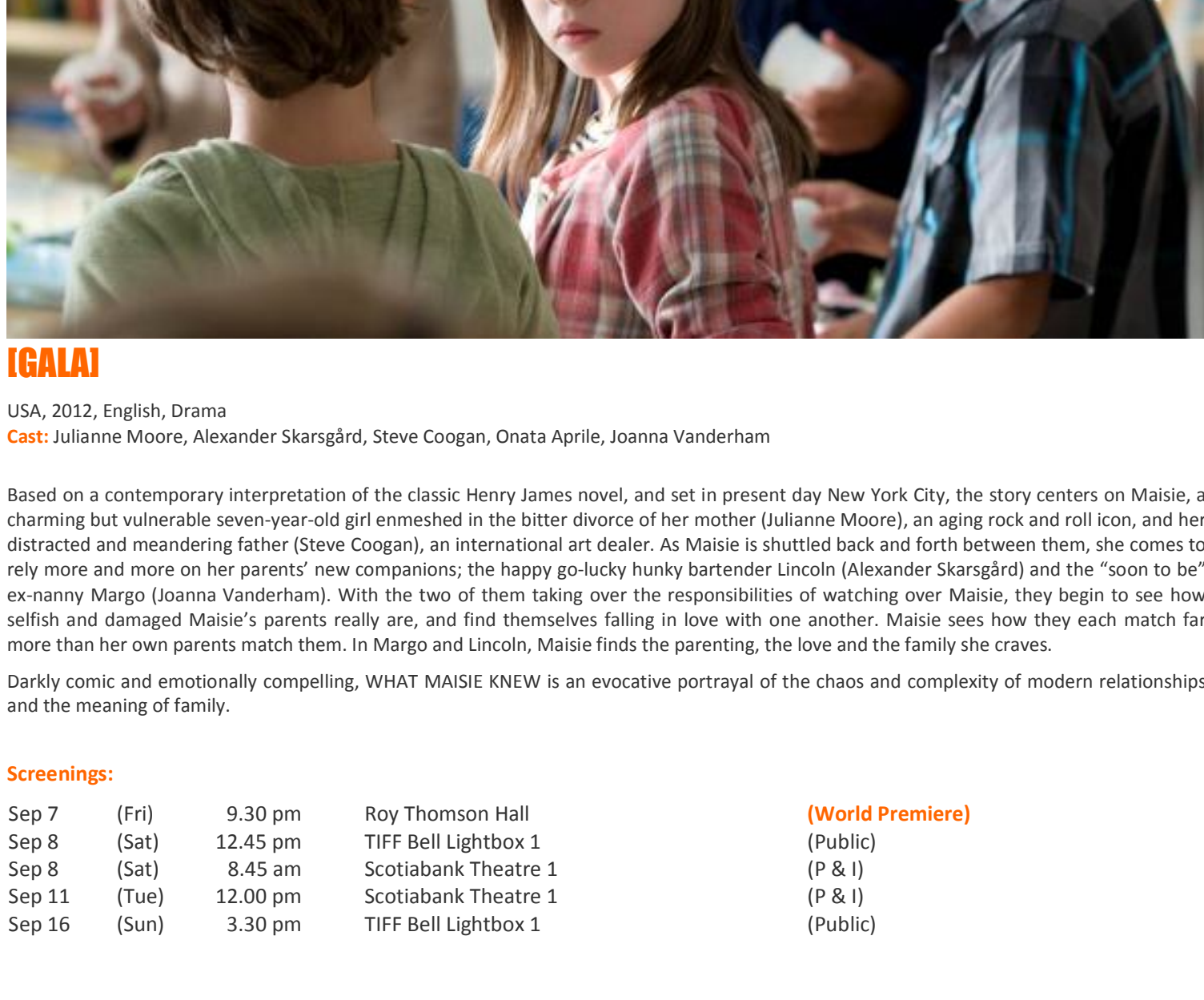
We are looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks time in Toronto. We have a very strong and diverse line-up this year with three World Premieres including one Roy Thomson Hall Gala (WHAT MAISIE KNEW), two films in the Mumbai featured City to City section (SHIP OF THESEUS and MISS LOVELY), one film in Vanguard (BEIJING FLICKERS), and one touching and heartwarming dramatic comedy in the Contemporary World Cinema section (BWAKAW). Team Fortissimo will have an office in the Hyatt Regency Hotel from September 5th-13th. What follows is our Toronto screening schedule and our line-up.

Warmest regards,
Team Fortissimo

*To set up an appointment:
Michael J. Werner, Nicole Mackey, Winnie Lau, Courtney Noble

WORLD PREMIERE

WHAT MAISIE KNEW by SCOTT MCGEEHE and DAVID SIEGEL



[GALA]
USA, 2012, English, Drama
Cast: Julianne Moore, Alexander Skarsgård, Steve Coogan, Onata Aprile, Joanna Vanderham

Based on a contemporary interpretation of the classic Henry James novel, and set in present day New York City, the story centers on Maisie, a charming but vulnerable seven-year-old girl enmeshed in the bitter divorce of her mother (Julianne Moore), an aging rock and roll icon, and her distracted and meandering father (Steve Coogan), an international art dealer. As Maisie is shuttled back and forth between them, she comes to rely more and more on her parents' new companions; the happy go-lucky hunky bartender Lincoln (Alexander Skarsgård) and the "soon to be" ex-nanny Margo (Joanna Vanderham). With the two of them taking over the responsibilities of watching over Maisie, they begin to see how selfish and damaged Maisie's parents really are, and find themselves falling in love with one another. Maisie sees how they each match far more than her own parents match them. In Margo and Lincoln, Maisie finds the parenting, the love and the family she craves.

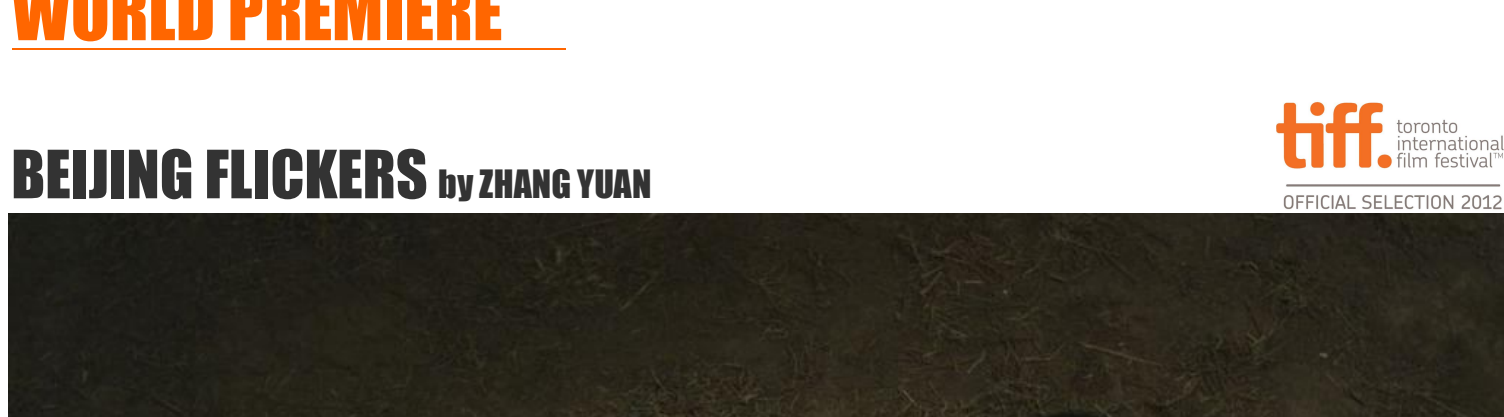
Darkly comic and emotionally compelling, WHAT MAISIE KNEW is an evocative portrayal of the chaos and complexity of modern relationships and the meaning of family.

Screenings:

Sep 6	(Fri)	9:30 pm	Roy Thomson Hall	(World Premiere)
Sep 8	(Sat)	12:45 pm	TIFF Bell Lightbox 1	(Public)
Sep 8	(Sat)	8:45 am	Scotiabank Theatre 1	(P & I)
Sep 11	(Tue)	12:00 pm	Scotiabank Theatre 1	(P & I)
Sep 16	(Sun)	3:30 pm	TIFF Bell Lightbox 1	(Public)

WORLD PREMIERE

SHIP OF THESEUS by ANAND GANDHI



[CITY TO CITY: Opening Film]
India, 2012, 139', Hindi, Drama
Cast: Aida El-Kashf, Sohram Shah, Neeraj Kabi

Director Anand Gandhi poses an age old question, "If the parts of a ship are replaced bit-by-bit, is it still the same ship?" SHIP OF THESEUS explores the moral and ethical boundaries of human existence as told through the stories of three disparate individuals – an experimental photographer, an ailing monk, and a young stockbroker—all of whom unknowingly have a connection. These three people manifest philosophical dilemmas in their personal lives, but their narratives converge to reveal an even larger fabric of connections, meaning, beauty, existence and death in a delicately poetic finale.

Screenings:

Sep 6	(Thu)	9:30 pm	TIFF Bell Lightbox 2	(World Premiere)
Sep 7	(Fri)	2:30 pm	Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 7	(Public)
Sep 8	(Sat)	1:15 pm	Scotiabank Theatre 10	(P & I)
Sep 11	(Tue)	9:15 pm	TIFF Bell Lightbox 5 - NBC Universal Cinema	(P & I)
Sep 16	(Sun)	12:00 pm	Scotiabank Theatre 4	(Public)

WORLD PREMIERE

BEIJING FLICKERS by ZHANG YUAN



[VANGUARD]
China, 2012, 96', Mandarin, Drama
Cast: Duan Bowen, Lv Yulai, Shi Shi, Li Xinyun, Han Wenwen

From the eye and artistry of renowned, award-winning director Zhang Yuan and calling to mind his classic film BEIJING BASTARDS from the early 1990's, comes BEIJING FLICKERS, an updated and new perspective on life in contemporary Beijing where beneath the dazzling economic boom exists the downtrodden and forgotten "little people" who bear the weight of life's trials and tribulations. Beijing has transformed itself into one of the world's huge and chaotic mega-cities; in this bubbling and exciting cauldron, four unlikely friends struggle with their own life predicaments sometimes lifted up and sometimes beaten down by the glamorous, modern, and prosperous city of Beijing. They may not have much, but at least they have each other.

Screenings:

Sep 9	(Sun)	11:15 am	Scotiabank Theatre 9	(P & I)
Sep 10	(Mon)	9:00 pm	The Bloor Hot Docs Cinema	(World Premiere)
Sep 12	(Wed)	2:45 pm	Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 7	(Public)
Sep 12	(Wed)	9:30 am	Scotiabank Theatre 9	(P & I)
Sep 16	(Sun)	9:30 pm	TIFF Bell Lightbox 4 - Paul & Leah Atkinson Family Cinema	(Public)

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

BWAKAW by JUN ROBLES LANA



[CONTEMPORARY WORLD CINEMA]
Philippines, 2012, 110', Tagalog, Drama/Comedy
Cast: Eddie Garcia, Rez Cortez, Gardo Versoza, Armida Siguan Reyna
Awards: Best Actor, NETPAC and Audience Choice Awards - Cinemalaya Philippines Independent Film Festival

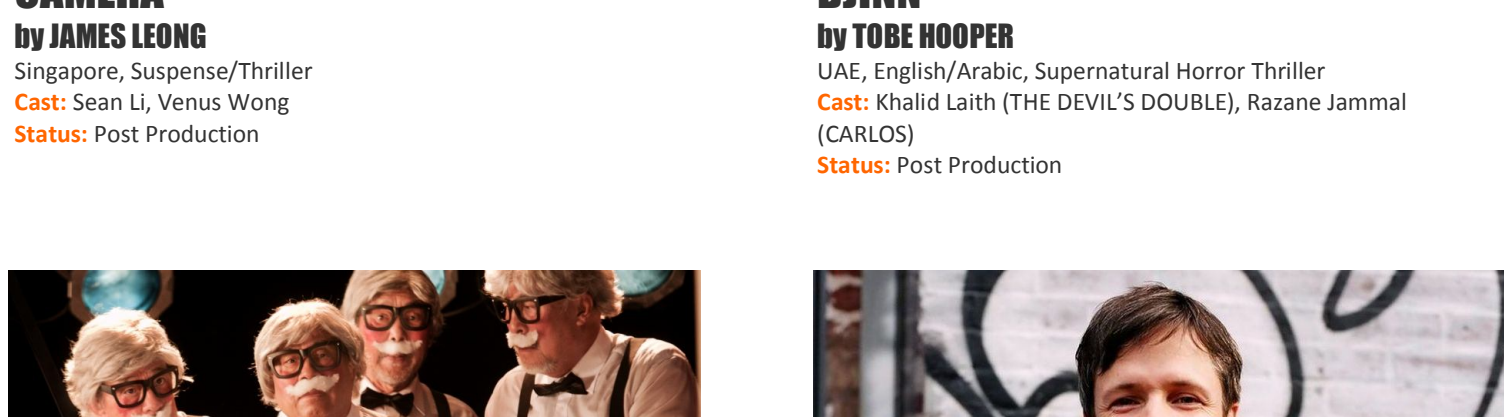
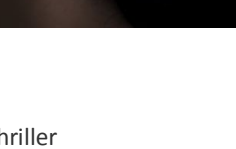
BWAKAW is an award winning, life-affirming, heartwarming, tear-jerker dramatic/comedy that shows that it's never too late to rediscover yourself. Starring veteran Filipino superstar Eddie Garcia as Rene, a cantankerous grumpy aging gay man who has only come out of the closet recently while in his 70's; he lives alone with only the companionship of an affectionate stray dog (Bwakaw) to keep him company. As he goes about his daily life thinking of his mortality and constantly rewriting his will to reallocate his few possessions to his "friends" and dodging the coffin that he bought on safe years earlier that sits in the middle of his rural home, he is compelled to confront his isolation and seek the help and support of others when the dog becomes gravely ill. Garcia delivers the performance of a lifetime.

Screenings:

Sep 9	(Sun)	9:00 pm	TIFF Bell Lightbox 5 - NBC Universal Cinema	(P & I)
Sep 10	(Mon)	5:45 pm	Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 5	(International Premiere)
Sep 12	(Wed)	2:30 pm	Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 4	(Public)
Sep 15	(Sat)	6:00 pm	Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 5	(Public)

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

MISS LOVELY by ASHIM ARLUWALIA



[CITY TO CITY]
India, 2012, Hindi, Drama
Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Niharika Singh (former Miss India), Anil George
Official Selection: Cannes Un Certain Regard

Set against the colorfully garish, seedy, and exotic backdrop of Bombay's "C" film business of the 1980's when the underbelly of Bollywood churned out sleazy social dramas, campy horror films and erotic bandit pictures, MISS LOVELY tells the tale of two brothers immersed in this universe who eventually turn on each other in a sordid tale of betrayal, doomed love, jealousy and revenge.

Screenings:

Sep 10	(Mon)	12:00 pm	Scotiabank Theatre 10	(P & I)
Sep 11	(Tue)	9:15 pm	Scotiabank Theatre 3	(North American Premiere)
Sep 13	(Thu)	6:00 pm	Cineplex Odeon Yonge & Dundas 6	(Public)
Sep 15	(Sat)	9:00 am	TIFF Bell Lightbox 4 - Paul & Leah Atkinson Family Cinema	(Public)

UPCOMING FILMS

AN END TO KILLING
by WANG PING
China, 2012, Mandarin, Drama
Cast: Zhao Youliang, Tu Men, Park Yejin
Status: Completed

CAMEL BORGMAN
by ALEX VAN WARNERMAN
The Netherlands / Belgium / Denmark, Dutch, Drama
Status: In Production

CAMERA
by JAMES LEONG
Singapore, Suspense/Thriller
Cast: Sean Li, Venus Wong
Status: Post Production

DJINN
by TOBE HOOPER
USA, English/Arabic, Supernatural Horror Thriller
Cast: Khalid Laith (THE DEVIL'S DOUBLE), Razane Jammal (CARLOS)
Status: Post Production

FULL CIRCLE
by ZHANG YANG
China, 2012, Mandarin, Comedy/Drama
Cast: XU Huanshan, WU Tianming, Li Bin, YAN Bingyan
Status: Completed

HOW TO TALK TO GIRLS AT PARTIES
by JOHN CAMERON MITCHELL
USA, English, Romance/Sci-Fi/Music
Status: In Development

MONSOON SHOOTOUT
by AMIT KUMAR
India, Hindi, Action/Thriller
Cast: Vijay Verma, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Tannishtha Chatterjee
Status: Post Production

SIMON KILLER
by ANTONIO CAMPOS
USA, 2012, English, Psychological Drama
Cast: Brady Corbet, Mati Diop, Michaël Abiteboul
Status: Completed

SUNSET SONG
by TERENCE DAVIES
UK, English
Cast: Peter Mullan (WAR HORSE), Agyness Deyn
Status: Pre-production

WHITE FROG
by QUENTIN LEE
USA, English, Coming of Age/Drama
Cast: Booboo Stewart, Joan Chen, BD Wong
Status: Completed

CURRENT TITLES

UNA NOCHE
by LUCY MULLOY
Cuba / UK / USA, 2012, 90', Spanish, Drama
Awards: Winner of Best New Director, Best Actor & Best Cinematography, Tribeca Film Festival
Official Selection: Berlin Generation 2012; Tribeca

MARLEY
by KEVIN MACDONALD
USA, 2012, 144', English, Music/Documentary
Official Selection: Berlin Special Gala

BUGIS STREET REDUX
by YONFAN
Hong Kong, 1995/2012, 98', English & Mandarin, Drama
Official Selection: Berlin Panorama

REDEMPTION STREET
by MIROSLAV TERZIC
Serbia, 2012, 97', Serbian, Thriller
Cast: Goran Kijic, Rade Serbedzija, Uliks Fehmiu

EL GUSTO
by SAFINEZ BOUSBIA
France/UAE/Ireland/Algeria, 2011, 93', French/Arabic, Documentary
Awards: Best Director Prize and FIPRESCI Prize - Abu Dhabi; IDFA in Competition for Music Documentary

LOST IN PARADISE
by VU NGOC DANG
Vietnam, 2011, 103', Vietnamese, Drama, Gay
Official Selection: Berlin Panorama, Discovery

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