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Celebrating The Toronto International Film Festival at The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto

The downtown luxury hotel pays homage to the film industry through curated wellness treatments, culinary experiences, and newly reimagined rooms and suites.

TORONTO, ON – August 28, 2019 – As the <u>Toronto International Film Festival</u> approaches, Toronto takes the stage to host the film industry's finest from across the globe. Just steps away from the red carpet, <u>The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto</u> invites guests to experience true hospitality and the glitz and glamour of the festival throughout the hotel.

The 44th edition of TIFF brings an exciting line up of films and events to the city and The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto has curated a full 10 days of experiences to make sure you are pampered throughout the festival. From new Wellness Treatments at Spa My Blend by Clarins to luscious culinary offerings, our Ladies and Gentlemen are ready to assist you in looking and feeling your best for all of the red carpet events and gala presentations.

To kick off the festival on September 4th, The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto invites guests to discover the flavours from across Canada at the "A Culinary Journey Across Canada - Celebrity Chef Collaboration Dinner". Iron Chef Canada 2018 winner and Executive Chef of Vancouver's <u>Boulevard Kitchen and Oyster Bar</u>, Alex Chen, Chopped Canada Judge and owner of Montreal's <u>Park Restaurant</u>, Chef Antonio Park, join The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto Executive Chef Paul Shewchuk and Executive Pastry Chef Gaël Moutet for an evening of celebrating the best that Canada has to offer with a 4-course dinner, Canadian wine pairings and a chance to meet and greet these celebrity chefs. All proceeds will go to the Fort York Food Bank.

Not to be missed is the annual opening night party on September 5th. Before taking in the first film of the festival, celebrate TIFF 2019 with a toast of Champagne and caviar in the hotel lobby and Ritz Bar or join us on DEQ Terrace and sample the four festival themed cocktails our mixologists have prepared. Continuing on our wellness theme, our mixologists have created a non-alcoholic cocktail that features the innovative <u>Seedlip</u> spirit. DJs on the patio will have you dancing the night away.

Indulge in a decadent array of seafood with an exclusive pop-up Seafood Bar, featuring market-fresh and raw favorites from Canadian waters, or take the time to nourish your soul with the Film Festival Chef's Tasting Menu and TOCA's Saturday and Sunday Brunch Buffets.

Guests are invited to <u>Spa My Blend by Clarins</u> on September 7th for a unique Wellness event, where guests can make an appointment to enjoy a relaxing back, neck & shoulder massage, skin consultation, express facial and make-up application with the purchase of 2 Clarins or My Blend skincare products. Enjoy wellness and beauty treatment specials throughout the month of September.

Recent design enhancements to <u>The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto Club Level</u> rooms and suites draw inspiration from the film and entertainment industry including photography from Caitlin Cronenberg. An evening at The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto will allow you to enjoy the 'suite life' of a celebrity all year long.

Join us as we kick off the festivities on Thursday, September 5th and share your festival memories with #RCTIFF and #RCMEMORIES. For more information, please visit http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/canada/toronto/hotel-overview/calendar/tiff or call 416-585-2500.