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NEWS RELEASE

ALEC BALDWIN SPECIAL GUEST AT TIFF 'SUMMER SOIRÉE' **Actor features in on-stage conversation at fundraiser on June 14**

TORONTO — TIFF® announced today that Golden Globe®- and Emmy®-winning actor **Alec Baldwin** will join revellers on June 14 for **Summer Soirée**, a unique fundraising event and cocktail reception. The celebrated actor will participate in an intimate on-stage conversation at TIFF Bell Lightbox, reminiscing about his illustrious career in film, stage and television, followed by an exclusive party at Artscape Sandbox.

"Alec Baldwin is an outstanding acting talent who — along with indelible charm, style and humour — brings over four decades of experience to what will be a fascinating exploration of his work at Summer Soirée," said **maxine bailey**, VP of Advancement at TIFF. "Summer Soirée is an entertaining evening of celebrating film with friends — which helps TIFF raise the much-needed funds that allows us to continue our charitable year-round activities. TIFF provides valuable access to film and culture for people of all ages, circumstances and backgrounds through its programmes of mentorship, guidance and support. We invite film fans to join us for this inspirational and fun event."

Speaking of his support for TIFF and Summer Soirée, **Alec Baldwin** said: "Most major film festivals tend to be a mix of festival and market, with the celebration and selling of films conducted hand in hand. Nowhere, however, is the blend of those two purposes (often competing) handled with more grace and dignity than Toronto. Add to that the fact that a significant part of their mission is to serve underprivileged youth, and you discover again why Toronto is the most respected festival in the world today."

Baldwin distinguished himself as one of the leading actors of his generation with his memorable roles in *The Hunt for Red October*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *The Cooler*, *Blue Jasmine*, *The Departed* and *30 Rock*, where his performance as Jack Donaghy earned him two Emmys, three Golden Globes, and seven consecutive Screen Actors Guild Awards. In addition to discussing his screen and stage career, Baldwin will also reflect on his interviews with artists, policy makers and public figures on his podcast *Here's the Thing*, and his upcoming memoir *Nevertheless*. Journalist and television personality Johanna Schneller will host the on-stage conversation.

TIFF is a charitable cultural organization, with a mission to transform the way people see the world, through film. TIFF initiatives and programming harness the power of film, to make profound impact across four key areas: **Community Outreach & Education**; **Film Heritage**; **Artist Experimentation**; and **Filmmaker Development**. Key initiatives include **Reel Comfort**, a programme that brings films and special guests to mental health patients at Toronto hospitals; **Talent Lab**, an intensive artistic development programme for emerging filmmakers; and **Pocket Fund**, which provides subsidies for children and families who would otherwise be unable to participate in TIFF's film-based learning programmes.

Summer Soirée takes place June 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$300 (in-cinema talk and cocktail reception) and \$50 (in-cinema talk only). Limited quantities are available.

To purchase tickets, please visit tiff.net/summersoiree. Proceeds from Summer Soirée enable TIFF to continue to showcase world-renowned film programming and innovative exhibitions, provide enriching workshops and diverse educational initiatives for youth and aspiring filmmakers, and to support the community through outreach.

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