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PHARRELL WILLIAMS AND FRIENDS TO PERFORM “HIDDEN FIGURES LIVE” ON TIFF FESTIVAL STREET

Plus *Hidden Figures* Q&A with Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, and more

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® announced today an exclusive, TIFF Members-only first look at Theodore Melfi's new feature film *Hidden Figures* during the Festival. On **Saturday, September 10**, 20th Century Fox will present exclusive footage of the film, a Q&A with Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Pharrell Williams, and the filmmakers, followed by a concert with Williams and friends on Festival Street for select TIFF Members.

“Toronto audiences will be the first to hear Pharrell's new music for *Hidden Figures*, and they'll see it performed live on Festival Street,” said Cameron Bailey, Artistic Director of the Toronto International Film Festival. “This film brings together an incredible array of talent. We're beyond happy to be giving audiences a taste of it.”

“I am so honoured for the world to first see a part of *Hidden Figures* at TIFF where I was lucky enough to premiere my first ever feature, *St. Vincent*,” said Melfi. “TIFF has a very special place in my heart. Pharrell's musical genius acumen takes the film to a different level.”

Festival Street returns to the Toronto International Film Festival for its third year. From **September 8 to 11**, King Street West between Peter and University Streets will be closed and transformed into a pedestrian paradise, free for all to enjoy. The full lineup will be announced in the coming weeks.

***Hidden Figures* Theodore Melfi, USA**

The incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer), and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe), brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

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