

IMDb BRINGS THE SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE TO FILM FANS AROUND THE WORLD WITH ORIGINAL VIDEO INTERVIEWS AND A CELEBRATION OF THE HIT SHOWTIME COMEDY *SHAMELESS*

IMDb Activities at the Festival will Include Original Video Interviews With Talent and Directors Hosted by Filmmaker Kevin Smith at Acura Festival Village, a Celebration of *SHAMELESS* Co-Hosted by Amazon's Prime Video Channels, and an IMDb Dinner Party Presented by Dolby

The IMDbPro App is the Ultimate Sundance Film Festival Companion for Entertainment Industry Professionals; Members Can Now Use IMDbPro Track to Receive the Latest News on Projects and Professionals, Including those Headed to the Festival

SEATTLE, WA — January 23, 2019 — IMDb (www.imdb.com), the world's most popular and authoritative source for movie, TV and celebrity content, will return to the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Salt Lake City and Sundance, Utah for the fifth year in a row with a full schedule of high-profile activations and industry events for fans, celebrities, filmmakers and other industry professionals.

As a Sustaining Sponsor of the 2019 Sundance Film Festival, IMDb will produce four days (January 25-28) of original video interviews in The IMDb Studio (#IMDbStudio), this year located at Acura Festival Village. Filmmaker and superfan [Kevin Smith](#) will host on-camera interviews with leading actors, writers and directors including Mindy Kaling, Armie Hammer, Demi Moore, Jenny Slate, Zach Galifianakis and more. SHOWTIME®, Prime Video Channels and IMDb will present a party celebrating [SHAMELESS](#) at Acura Festival Village on Saturday, January 26 from 8 to 11PM. IMDbPro, the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals, will be the official sponsor of the Industry Office at Festival Headquarters. Access to The IMDb Studio at Acura Festival Village and evening events is by invitation only. IMDb Sundance Film Festival preview coverage, including Kevin Smith's "Top 5 Festival Picks" and an exclusive conversation between Smith and [Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile](#) star [Haley Joel Osment](#), is available now at www.imdb.com/sundance.

"The Sundance Film Festival is a true celebration of passionate independent filmmakers bringing untold stories to life," said Col Needham, IMDb Founder and CEO. "IMDb is thrilled to help celebrate these creative professionals and adventurous audiences with our activities at this year's Festival, including our celebrity interview studio and fun parties for industry influencers. Our original videos and other content will help fans all over the world experience and enjoy the unique energy of the Festival and the films it will launch this year."

Fans can follow 2019 Sundance Film Festival coverage by visiting IMDb (<http://www.imdb.com/sundance>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/imdb>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/imdb/>), YouTube (www.youtube.com/imdb), or checking out #IMDbStudio on Twitter (<https://www.twitter.com/imdb>). IMDbPro members can quickly and easily access information on the go about Sundance Film Festival movies, filmmakers, cast and crew as well as detailed contact and representation data with the [IMDbPro app](#). Industry professionals can also follow IMDbPro on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/imdbpro/>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/imdbpro/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/imdbpro>).

More details about IMDb and IMDbPro activities at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival are available below:

IMDbPro at Sundance Film Festival Industry Office (Thursday, January 24 – Sunday, January 27)

IMDbPro, the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals, will be the official sponsor of the 2019 Sundance Film Festival Industry Office at Festival Headquarters. The Sundance Industry Office houses the SIO Lounge, where Industry members can meet with colleagues, relax between screenings or grab a cup of coffee. IMDbPro (<http://www.imdbpro.com>) is a membership-based service and includes comprehensive information and tools that are designed to help entertainment industry professionals achieve success throughout all stages of their career. IMDbPro offers members the following: detailed contact and representation information; tools to manage and

showcase their IMDb profile, including the ability to select their primary images and the credits they are best “known for”; exclusive STARMeter rankings that are determined by page views on IMDb; the IMDbPro app for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#); IMDbPro Track, which empowers members using the app to receive personalized entertainment industry news and notifications on the people and film and TV projects they want to follow; and a convenient tool that generates custom digital assets to promote their work on social media and other platforms. To become a member today, visit <http://www.imdbpro.com/>.

The IMDb Studio at Acura Festival Village (Friday, January 25 – Monday, January 28)

The invitation-only IMDb video interview studio will be back for the fifth time, this year located within Acura Festival Village at 480 Swede Alley. Filmmaker and superfan [Kevin Smith](#), whose career began at the Sundance Film Festival in the 1990s, will host on-camera interviews with leading actors, writers and directors that will be the cornerstone of Sundance Film Festival coverage on IMDb. Access into The IMDb Studio at Acura Festival Village is by invitation only. Fans are invited to watch the interviews from outside the glass studio or via a monitor from the Acura lounge. To learn more about the studio or explore talent participation, please email press@imdb.com.

Native Son Panel Moderated by Kevin Smith at the Acura Stage at Acura Festival Village (Friday, January 25)

Acura and IMDb welcome filmmaker Kevin Smith to the Acura Stage to moderate a discussion with the filmmakers and cast of [Native Son](#), including director [Rashid Johnson](#), writer [Suzan-Lori Parks](#), [Ashton Sanders](#), [Nick Robinson](#), [KiKi Layne](#) and [Sanaa Lathan](#). In this modern reimagining of Richard Wright’s seminal novel, a young African-American man named Bigger Thomas takes a job working for a highly influential Chicago family, a decision that will change the course of his life forever.

SHOWTIME, Prime Video Channels and IMDb present a party celebrating SHAMELESS at Acura Festival Village (Saturday, January 26)

On Saturday, January 26, SHOWTIME, Prime Video Channels and IMDb will host an exclusive party to celebrate the ninth season of the hit series [SHAMELESS](#). Join special guests [Shanola Hampton](#), [Steve Howie](#) and [Jeremy Allen White](#) at Acura Festival Village. The private event is accessible by invitation only and will take place from 8PM to 11PM.

Oscar nominee and Emmy and SAG Award winner William H. Macy and Golden Globe nominee Emmy Rossum star in the SHOWTIME comedy series *SHAMELESS*. Chicagoan Frank Gallagher is the proud dad of six smart, industrious, independent kids, who without him would be... perhaps better off. But the kids have found ways to grow up in spite of him. They may not be like any family you know, but they make no apologies for being who they are. *SHAMELESS* also stars Jeremy Allen White, Ethan Cutkosky, Shanola Hampton, Steve Howey, Emma Kenney, Cameron Monaghan, Richard Flood and Christian Isaiah.

SHAMELESS is one of the network’s longest-running and most successful series. Season 9 of *SHAMELESS* airs on Sundays at 9PM ET/PT on SHOWTIME.

The IMDb Dinner Party at Sundance Film Festival Presented by Dolby (Monday, January 28)

The popular IMDb Dinner Party returns to Park City and will take place on Monday, January 28. The private industry event will be hosted by IMDb Founder and CEO Col Needham at J&G Grill at the St. Regis Deer Valley. Industry guests will enjoy cocktails and dinner during an entertaining and interactive cinematic conversation led by Needham, as well as have the opportunity to experience the new Dolby Dimension wireless headphones. This private industry cocktail party and dinner is accessible by invitation only and will take place from 7PM to 10:30PM

About Kevin Smith

Kevin Smith first came to attention at the Sundance Film Festival in 1994 as the writer/director of a film called *Clerks*. It's been all downhill ever since.

About IMDb

IMDb is the world’s most popular and authoritative source for movie, TV and celebrity content. The IMDb consumer site (www.imdb.com) is the #1 movie website in the world with a combined web and mobile audience of more than

250 million unique monthly visitors. IMDb offers a searchable database of more than 250 million data items including more than 5 million movies, TV and entertainment programs and more than 8 million cast and crew members. Consumers rely on the information IMDb provides -- including local movie showtimes, ticketing, trailers, critic and user reviews, personalized recommendations, photo galleries, entertainment news, quotes, trivia, box-office data, editorial feature sections and a universal Watchlist – when deciding what to watch and where to watch it. IMDb’s portfolio of leading entertainment apps (<http://www.imdb.com/apps/>) includes its popular “Movies & TV” app for iPhone, iPad, Fire tablets, Android phones, Android tablets and its mobile-optimized website. To date, there have been more than 150 million downloads of IMDb’s mobile apps worldwide. IMDb X-Ray for Movies & TV Shows is a feature that revolutionizes the viewing experience by bringing the power of IMDb directly to Fire HD, Fire TV and Fire TV Stick. The IMDb Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/imdb>) and official Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/imdb>) are followed by more than 12 million passionate entertainment fans. IMDbPro (<http://www.imdbpro.com>) is the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals. This membership-based service includes comprehensive information and tools that are designed to help entertainment industry professionals achieve success throughout all stages of their career. IMDbPro offers members the following: detailed contact and representation information; tools to manage and showcase their IMDb profile, including the ability to select their primary images and the credits they are best “known for”; exclusive STARMeter rankings that are determined by page views on IMDb; the IMDbPro app for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#); IMDbPro Track, which empowers members using the app to receive personalized entertainment industry news and notifications on the people and film and TV projects they want to follow; and a convenient tool that generates custom digital assets to promote their work on social media and other platforms. Additionally, IMDb owns and operates Box Office Mojo (<http://www.boxofficemojo.com>), the leading online source of box-office data. [IMDb.com](#) is operated by [IMDb.com](#), Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of [Amazon.com](#), Inc. (NASDAQ:AMZN) (<http://www.amazon.com>). To learn more, go to: <http://www.imdb.com/press>.

About Acura

Acura is a leading automotive luxury nameplate that delivers Precision Crafted Performance – a commitment to evocative styling, high performance and innovative engineering, all built on a foundation of quality and reliability. The Acura lineup features six distinctive models – the RLX premium luxury sedan, the TLX performance luxury sedan, the ILX sport sedan, the five-passenger RDX luxury crossover SUV, the seven-passenger Acura MDX, America’s all-time best-selling three-row luxury SUV, and the next-generation, electrified NSX supercar.

Five of the six models in the Acura lineup are made exclusively in central Ohio, using domestic and globally-sourced parts, including the ILX and TLX luxury sports sedans (Marysville Auto Plant), the RDX and MDX luxury SUVs (East Liberty Auto Plant) and the Acura NSX supercar, which is built to order at the Performance Manufacturing Center in Marysville, Ohio.

About SHOWTIME

SHOWTIME is currently available to subscribers via cable, DBS and telco providers, and as a stand-alone streaming service through Amazon, Apple, Google, LG Smart TVs, Oculus Go, Roku, Samsung Smart TVs and Xbox One. Consumers can also subscribe to SHOWTIME via Amazon’s Prime Video Channels, DirecTV Now, FuboTV, Hulu, Sling TV, Sony PlayStation Vue, and YouTube TV. For more information, visit www.sho.com.

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