

IMDb RETURNS TO TORONTO WITH STAR-STUDED FESTIVAL COVERAGE

IMDb Activities at Toronto will Include Original Celebrity Video Interviews Presented by Intuit QuickBooks Canada and Hosted by IMDb Special Correspondent Dave Karger, the Presentation of the IMDb STARMeter Award to Riz Ahmed and the Annual IMDb Dinner Party at Toronto

The IMDbPro App is the Ultimate 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 Toronto

SEATTLE, WA – September 3, 2019 — IMDb (www.imdb.com), the world's most popular and authoritative source for movie, TV and celebrity content, today announced that it will head to Toronto for the third year in a row to host three days (September 6-8) of original celebrity video interviews during the Toronto International Film Festival. IMDb Special Correspondent Dave Karger will interview casts and directors from *The Lighthouse*, *Parasite*, *The Report*, *The Aeronauts* and more. IMDb will present an IMDb STARMeter Award to Emmy-award winner [Riz Ahmed](#), who gives a standout performance in *Sound of Metal*, premiering Friday night at the festival. Additionally, the annual IMDb Dinner Party hosted by Col Needham, will take place on Sunday, September 8. Festival preview coverage is available now at www.imdb.com/toronto.

About IMDb at Toronto 2019, Presented by Intuit QuickBooks Canada (Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 8)

From Friday to Sunday (September 6-8), IMDb at Toronto 2019, presented by [Intuit QuickBooks Canada](#), will produce original video in the invitation-only celebrity video and portrait studio, and gifting suite, located at the Bisha Hotel in downtown Toronto. IMDb Special Correspondent Dave Karger returns as host to interview a star-studded lineup of casts from some of the festival's highly anticipated films including *Parasite*, *The Lighthouse*, *Hustlers* and more. Festival coverage is also sponsored by Warner Bros. Pictures' *The Goldfinch* (in theaters September 13).

To follow exclusive 2019 Toronto International Film Festival coverage, visit <http://www.imdb.com/toronto>, follow #IMDbStudio on Twitter (<https://www.twitter.com/imdb>) or go to the official Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/imdb>), YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/imdb>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/imdb/>) accounts. Coverage will be accessible by more than 200 million unique monthly visitors worldwide via the IMDb website, mobile apps, social media accounts and on [IMDb TV](#). 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>).

To watch video highlights of original celebrity interviews from the 2018 IMDb Studio at Toronto, go to: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8783910/clip/vi4256610841>

Riz Ahmed Receives IMDb “Breakout Star” STARMeter Award at Toronto (Friday, September 6)

On Friday, September 6, IMDb Founder and CEO Col Needham will present the IMDb “Breakout Star” STARMeter Award to [Riz Ahmed](#) at the IMDb video studio at Toronto. Ahmed has been a strong performer on the IMDbPro STARMeter chart in recent years, fueled by his 2016 Emmy Award-winning performance in *The Night Of*, his role in 2018's *Venom*, and with his anticipated performance in the upcoming release of *Sound of Metal*, alongside last year's IMDb Breakout STARMeter Award winner at Toronto, Olivia Cooke. This award recognizes the stars who are fan favorites on the IMDbPro STARMeter chart, which is determined by the actual search behavior of the more than 200 million unique monthly IMDb visitors worldwide and is updated weekly throughout the year for IMDbPro members. Previous IMDb STARMeter Award Recipients include Sam Rockwell, Mindy Kaling, Alexander Skarsgård, Bill Skarsgård, Olivia Munn, Brie Larson, Felicity Jones, Peter Dinklage, Miles Teller, John David Washington and Bryce Dallas Howard.

The IMDb Dinner Party at Toronto (Sunday, September 8)

The seventh-annual IMDb Dinner Party at Toronto will take place on Sunday evening (September 8) from 6:30PM to 10:00PM. The private industry event will be hosted by IMDb Founder and CEO Col Needham at Figo. Industry guests will enjoy cocktails and dinner during an entertaining and interactive cinematic conversation led by Needham. This is an invitation-only event.

IMDbPro at TIFF Industry Centre (September 3-14, 2019)

IMDbPro, the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals, will be the official sponsor of the TIFF Industry Cafe. Industry attendees accredited by the festival will have access to complimentary Nespresso coffee in the Industry Centre September 3 through September 14, courtesy of IMDbPro. IMDbPro (<http://www.imdbpro.com/>) is a membership-based service that includes comprehensive information and tools 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 to receive personalized entertainment industry news and updates 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. Other IMDbPro member-only benefits include the ability to explore more than 25,000 in-development film and TV titles not available on IMDb. To become a member today, visit <http://www.imdbpro.com/>.

About IMDb

IMDb is the world’s most popular and authoritative source for information on movies, TV shows and celebrities. Products and services to help fans decide what to watch and where to watch it include: the IMDb website for [desktop](#) and [mobile devices](#); [apps](#) for iOS and Android; and IMDb X-Ray on Fire TV devices. IMDb also operates a free streaming channel, [IMDb TV](#), and produces original video series including “[The IMDb Show](#)” and “[Casting Calls](#).” For entertainment industry professionals, IMDb provides [IMDbPro](#) and [Box Office Mojo](#). IMDb is an Amazon company. For more information, visit www.imdb.com/press and follow @IMDb.

About Dave Karger

An award-winning host, interviewer and entertainment commentator, Dave Karger has made over 200 live appearances on NBC’s Today show. He’s also a host on Turner Classic Movies and serves as Special Correspondent for IMDb. In 2015 Dave received the Publicists Guild Press Award honoring the year’s outstanding entertainment journalist. In 2014 he was named one of OUT Magazine’s “OUT 100,” acknowledging the most influential people in the LGBT community.

In 2012 and 2013, Dave was the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences’ official red-carpet greeter on Oscar night, only the third person ever to hold that post. He also co-hosted the 2011 Oscars Digital Experience (produced by The Academy and ABC), which won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Creative Achievement in Interactive Media. He has served on the juries of the TriBeCa, Los Angeles, South By Southwest and Florida Film Festivals. Dave graduated cum laude from Duke University.

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