# Follow the Light of **Italian Cinema**

at the **48<sup>th</sup> Toronto International Film Festival** September **7<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** 



Victory Lighthouse Trieste, Italy



# **Special Presentations**

# **LA CHIMERA**

by Alice Rohrwacher world sales THE MATCH FACTORY US & Canadian Distributor NEON

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 2:45PM Scotiabank 3 Press & Industry Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1 Public Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 12:15PM Scotiabank 4 Public

## KIDNAPPED RAPITO

by Marco Bellocchio world sales THE MATCH FACTORY US & Canadian Distributor COHEN MEDIA GROUP

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 8.55AM Scotiabank 12 Press & Industry Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1 Public Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2 Public

# **SHOSHANA**

by Michael Winterbottom world sales VISION DISTRIBUTION

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2 Public
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 9:05AM Scotiabank 8 Press & Industry
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM Scotiabank 14 Public
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 12:15PM Scotiabank 13 Press & Industry
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 3:35PM Scotiabank 11 Public

Platform

## I TOLD YOU SO TE L'AVEVO DETTO

by **Ginevra Elkann** world sales **THE MATCH FACTORY** 

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 9:45AM Scotiabank 9 Press & Industry Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2 Public Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 3:45PM Scotiabank 14 Public Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 3:05PM Scotiabank 8 Press & Industry Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 5:45PM Scotiabank 3 Public

## Centerpiece

# HOLIDAY

## by **Edoardo Gabbriellini** world sales **MEMENTO INTERNATIONAL**

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 9:15PM Scotiabank 10 Press & Industry Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3 Public Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3 Public Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 9:40PM Scotiabank 7 Press & Industry

## Discovery

## AN ENDLESS SUNDAY UNA STERMINATA DOMENICA

by **Alain Parroni** world sales **FANDANGO** 

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 6:40PM Scotiabank 5 Press & Industry Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM Scotiabank 14 Public Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 9:15PM Scotiabank 13 Public Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 3:05PM Scotiabank 8 Press & Industry

# **TIFF Docs**

## WALLS MUR

by Kasia Smutniak world sales FANDANGO

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30PM Scotiabank 11 Press & Industry Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 12:45PM Scotiabank 9 Public Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 3:45PM Scotiabank 9 Public Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 3:40PM Scotiabank 5 Press & Industry

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## THE COMMANDER COMANDANTE

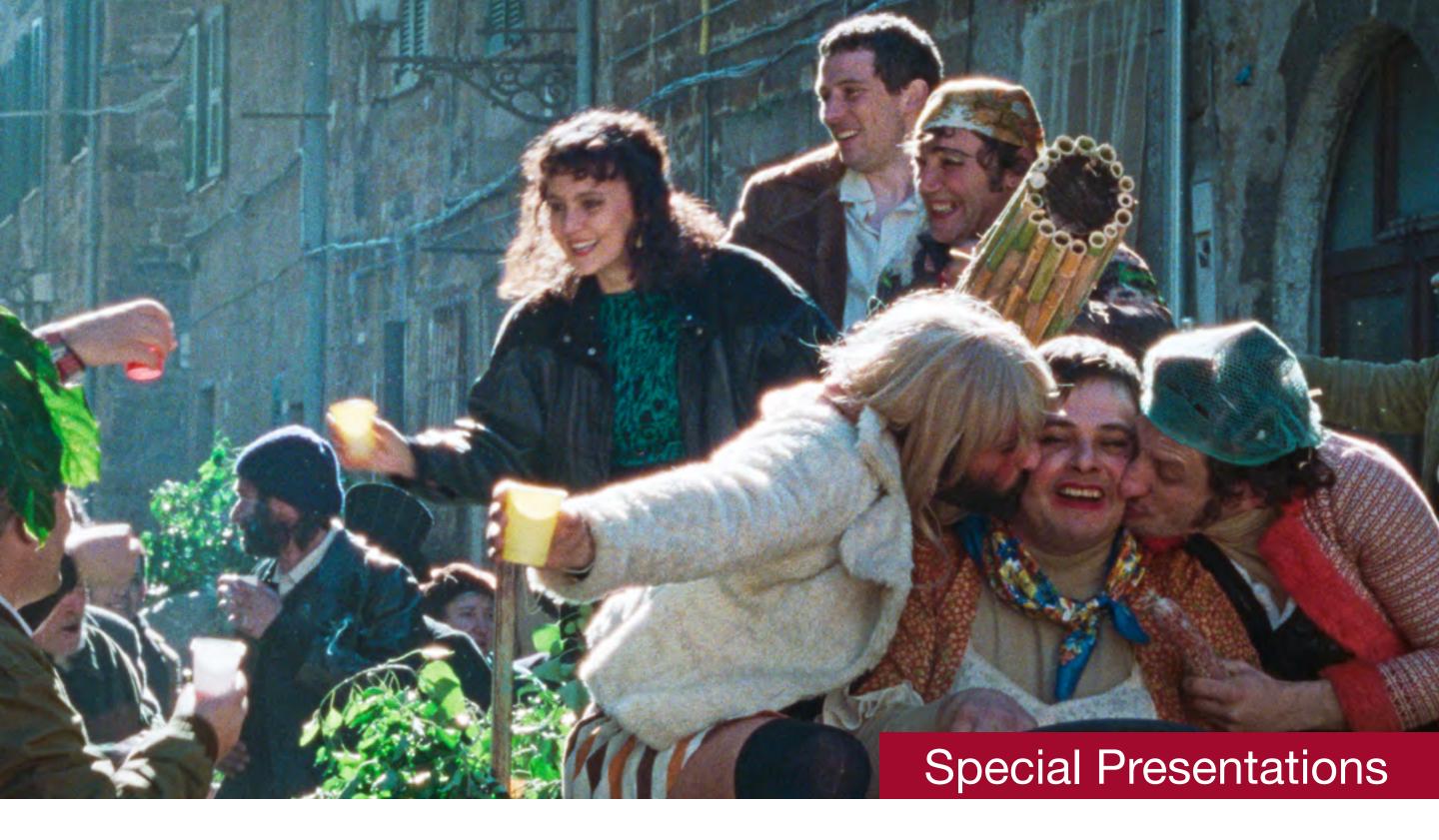
by **Edoardo De Angelis** world sales **TRUE COLOURS** 

Sun 10th 12:00 PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 5

# **ENEA**

by **Pietro Castellitto** world sales **VISION DISTRIBUTION** 

Sun 10th 6:30 PM TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 7



## LA CHIMERA by Alice Rohrwacher

cast Josh O'Connor, Carol Duarte, Isabella Rossellini, Alba Rohrwacher, Vincenzo Nemolato, Giuliano Mantovani, Gian Piero Capretto, Melchiorre Pala, Luciano Vergaro, Ramona Fiorini, Luca Gargiullo, Yile Vianello screenplay Alice Rohrwacher cinematography Hélène Louvart editing Nelly Quettier set design Emita Frigato costume design Loredana Buscemi producer Carlo Cresto-Dina, Grégory Gajos, Alexandra Henochsberg, Pierre-François Piet, Michela Pini, Amel Soudani production Tempesta, Ad Vitam, Amka Films Productions, Arte, Rai Cinema, supported by Ministero della Cultura, RSI, TRT – Cinema, Canal +, Ciné + with the support of CNC Cinéma du Monde, Swiss Federal Office of Culture distribution 01 Distribution [Italy], Mcf Megacom Film [Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia], Moving Turtle [Algeria], Mauris Film [Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan], Palace Films [Australia, New Zealand], Stadtkino Filmverleih [Austria], Moving Turtle [Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen], September Film [Belgium, Netherlands], Art Fest [Bulgaria], Jetsen Huashi [China], Aerofilms [Czech Republic, Slovakia], Filmbazar [Denmark], A-One Films [Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania], Ad Vitam [France], Piffl Medien [Germany], Cinobo [Greece], Edko Films [Hong Kong], Cirko Film [Hungary], Curzon Film [Ireland, United Kingdom], Bitters End [Japan], Aurora Films [Poland], Midas Filmes [Portugal], Independenta Film [Romania], Anticipate Pictures [Singapore], M&M International [South Korea], Elastica Films [Spain], Filmcoopi Zurich [Switzerland] Swallow Wings Films [Taiwan] Documentary Club [Thailand], Arthouse Traffic [Ukraine] world sales THE MATCH FACTORY US & Canadian distribution NEON **country** Italy/France/Switzerland **year** 2023

festivals & awards Festival de Cannes 2023: In Competition Jerusalem International Film Festival 2023: International Competition Karlovy Vary International Film Festival 2023: Horizons Melbourne International Film Festival 2023: Headliners Motovun Film Festival 2023: Main Program - New York Film Festival 2023: Main Slate Sarajevo Film Festival 2023: Summer Screen - TIFF 2023: Special Presentations

Everyone has their own Chimera, something they try to achieve but never manage to find. For the band of tombaroli, thieves of ancient grave goods and archaeological wonders, the Chimera means redemption from work and the dream of easy wealth. For Arthur, the Chimera looks like the woman he lost, Beniamina. To find her, Arthur challenges the invisible, searches everywhere, goes inside the earth – in search of the door to the afterlife of which myths speak. In an adventurous journey between the living and the dead, between forests and sitisg, between solebrations and solitudes the intertwined dostinion

#### forests and cities, between celebrations and solitudes, the intertwined destinies

#### of these characters unfold, all in search of the Chimera.



## **KIDNAPPED RAPITO** by Marco Bellocchio

**cast** Paolo Pierobon, Fausto Russo Alesi, Enea Sala, Barbara Ronchi, Filippo Timi, Fabrizio Gifuni, Andrea Gherpelli, Samuele Teneggi, Corrado Invernizzi, Paolo Calabresi, Leonardo Maltese, Federica Fracassi, Bruno Cariello, Giustiniano Alpi **screenplay** Marco Bellocchio, Susanna Nicchiarelli

from the book *II caso Mortara* by Daniele Scalise

**cinematography** Francesco di Giacomo **editing** Francesca Calvelli, Stefano Mariotti **set design** Andrea Castorina **costume design** Sergio Ballo, Daria Calvelli

music Fabio Massimo Capogrosso

producer Beppe Caschetto, Simone Gattoni

production IBC Movie, Kavac, Ad Vitam, Match Factory Productions, Rai Cinema, Arte supported by Ministero della Cultura, Canal +, Cine' +, Film-und Medienstiftung NRW with the support of Région Ile-de-France, Emilia-Romagna Film Commission distribution 01 Distribution [Italy], Mcf Megacom Film [Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia], Cine Video y TV [Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela], Palace Films [Australia, New Zealand], Pandora Film Medien [Austria, Germany], Cherry Pickers [Belgium, Netherlands], Art Fest [Bulgaria], Aerofilms [Czech Republic, Slovakia], Kino Pavasaris [Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania], Odeon - Rosebud.21 [Greece], Vertigo Media [Hungary], Falcon Pictures [Indonesia], Curzon Film [Ireland, United Kingdom], United King Films [Israel], Fine Films [Japan], Best Film [Poland], Alambique [Portugal], Vertigo Films [Spain], Agora Films [Switzerland], Light Year Images [Taiwan], Arthouse Traffic [Ukraine], world sales THE MATCH FACTORY US & Canadian distribution COHEN MEDIA GROUP country Italy/France/Germany year 2023 film run 125' festivals & awards Festival de Cannes 2023: In Competition Filmfest München 2023: Cinemasters Competition - Globi d'Oro 2023: Best Film Karlovy Vary International Film Festival 2023: Horizons Melbourne International Film Festival 2023: Headliners New York Film Festival 2023: Main Slate TIFF - Toronto International Film Festival 2023: Special Presentations

In 1858, in the Jewish quarter of Bologna, the Pope's soldiers burst into the home of the Mortara family. By order of the cardinal, they have come to take Edgardo, their seven-year-old son. The child had been secretly baptized by his nurse as a baby and the papal law is unquestionable: he must receive a Catholic education. Edgardo's parents, distraught, will do anything to get their son back. Supported by public opinion and the international Jewish community, the Mortaras' struggle quickly take a political dimension. But the

#### Church and the Pope will not agree to return the child, to consolidate an

increasingly wavering power...



## SHOSHANA by Michael Winterbottom

cast Douglas Booth, Irina Starshenbaum, Harry Melling, Aury Alby, Ian Hart screenplay Laurence Coriat, Paul Viragh, Michael Winterbottom cinematography Giles Nuttgens editing Marc Richardson set design Sergio Tribastone costume design Anthony Unwin producer Melissa Parmenter, Josh Hyams, Luigi Napoleone, Massimo Di Rocco production Bartlebyfilm, Revolution Films distribution Vision Distribution [Italy] world sales VISION DISTRIBUTION country Italy/UK year 2023

festivals & awards TIFF - Toronto International Film Festival 2023: Special Presentations

Inspired by real events, SHOSHANA is a political thriller set in the 1930s in Tel Aviv, a brand new European, Jewish city being built on the shores of the Mediterranean. Thomas Wilkin (Douglas Booth) is in love with the city and with Shoshana Borochov (Irina Starshenbaum). Through their relationship the film explores the way extremism and violence pushes people apart, forcing people to choose one side or the other.

Wilkin works with Geoffrey Morton (Harry Melling) in the anti terrorist squad of the British Palestine Police force, chasing the charismatic poet and underground leader Avraham Stern (Aury Elby). Stern believes Israel can only be built through violence. His two main targets are Wilkin and Morton.

Shoshana, like most of Tel Aviv, is modern, progressive and feminist. She hates the politics of Stern and his followers. But as the violence builds everyone is forced to choose which side they will fight on.



## I TOLD YOU SO TE L'AVEVO DETTO by Ginevra Elkann

cast Marisa Borini, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, Valeria Golino, Danny Huston, Sofia Panizzi, Alba Rohrwacher, Greta Scacchi, Riccardo Scamarcio screenplay Ginevra Elkann, Chiara Barzini, Ilaria Bernardini cinematography Vladan Radovic

editing Desideria Rayner set design Roberto De Angelis costume design Andrea Cavalletto producer Lorenzo Mieli, Simone Gattoni production The Apartment, Rai Cinema distribution Bim Distribuzione [Italy] world sales THE MATCH FACTORY country Italy year 2023

#### festivals & awards

TIFF - Toronto International Film Festival 2023: Platform

In Rome, during a January weekend a sudden heatwave arrives. The sun is initially pleasant, but the heat quickly escalates to a frightening degree, resulting in people and animals losing self-control.



## HOLIDAY by Edoardo Gabbriellini

cast Margherita Corradi, Giorgia Frank, Alessandro Tedeschi, Alice Arcuri, Alessia Giuliani, Flavio Furno screenplay Edoardo Gabbriellini, Carlo Salsa cinematography Amine Messadi editing Walter Fasano

set design Marcella Mosca costume design Marta Passarini producer Olivia Musini, Lorenzo Mieli, Luca Guadagnino production Cinemaundici, The Apartment, Frenesy, Vision Distribution distribution Vision Distribution [Italy] world sales MEMENTO FILMS INTERNATIONAL **country** Italy year 2023 film run 102'

festivals & awards TIFF - Toronto International Film Festival 2023: Centrepiece

Set in a picturesque Italian seaside town at the height of summer, writer-director Edoardo Gabbriellini's suspenseful and perturbing third feature chronicles a subtle cat-and-mouse game.



# AN ENDLESS SUNDAY UNA STERMINATA DOMENICA

by Alain Parroni

cast Enrico Bassetti, Zackary Delmas, Federica Valentini, Lars Rudolph screenplay Alain Parroni, Giulio Pennacchi, Beatrice Puccilli cinematography Andrea Benjamin Manenti editing Riccardo Giannetti

set design Marta Morandini costume design Sara Cavagnini music Shirō Sagisu producer Domenico Procacci, Laura Paolucci, Giorgio Gucci, Fabrizio Moretti, Wim Wenders production Fandango, Alcor, Art Me Pictures, Road Movies, Rai Cinema, supported by Ministero della Cultura, with the support of Regione Lazio distribution Fandango Distribuzione [Italy] world sales FANDANGO country Italy/Germany year 2023 film run 110'

#### festivals & awards:

La Biennale di Venezia 2023: Orizzonti Competition TIFF - Toronto International Film Festival 2023: Discovery

Brenda is pregnant. Alex has just turned nineteen and is about to become a father. Kevin is filling the city with his name. Each of them is trying to make his or her own mark on the world. An unbroken chain of situations, paradoxes and characters succeed one another in a narrative construction that resembles an unconventional Bildungsroman. Always connected to each other, they buzz around between the countryside on the coast and the Eternal City, trying to resist in their own ways the inexorable advance of time and the heat. Alex, Brenda and Kevin's individual experiences are not a random sequence of adventures but steps on the stairs of the process of orientation, growth and maturation. Sentimental adventures and the conquest of independence are the linchpin of the situations in which Kevin and Brenda become embroiled, acting by instinct but catalysing step by step the race toward Alex's cry of "I EXIST."



## WALLS MUR by Kasia Smutniak

screenplay Kasia Smutniak, Marella Bombini editing Ilaria Fraioli music Lorenzo Tomio producer Domenico Procacci, Laura Paolucci, Kasia Smutniak

production Fandango, Luce Cinecittà distribution Luce Cinecittà [Italy] world sales FANDANGO country Italy year 2023

festivals & awards TIFF - Toronto International Film Festival 2023: TIFF Docs

Actress Kasia Smutniak makes her directorial debut with a documentary that is a travel diary in her home country, Poland. The journey is marked by a set of walls: that of the Jewish ghetto in front of which she grew up and the one built by the government at the border with Belarus to repel the migrants coming from Syria. Some walls are insurmountable, invisible and divide people into human beings worthy of sympathy and those who don't deserve it. Walls that are forests, barbed wire and that sometimes become open doors as in the case of the welcoming of Ukrainian refugees, just 200 Km below that same forest of tortures where asylum-seeking migrants are hunted down.

# Italian Screenings @ TIFF

# THE COMMANDER COMANDANTE

by Edoardo De Angelis

cast Pierfrancesco Favino, Massimiliano Rossi, Johan Heldenbergh, Silvia D'Amico, Arturo Muselli, Giuseppe Brunetti, Gianluca Di Gennaro, Johannes Wirix, Paolo Bonacelli, Giustiniano Alpi, Luca Chikovani screenplay Edoardo De Angelis, Sandro Veronesi cinematography Ferran Paredes Rubio editing Lorenzo Peluso set design Carmine Guarino costume design Massimo Cantini Parrini visual effects Kevin Tod Haug producer Pierpaolo Verga, Nicola Giuliano, Attilio De Razza, Edoardo De Angelis, Francesca Cima, Carlotta Calori, Viola Prestieri production Indigo Film, O' Groove, Tramp Limited, VGroove, Wise, Beside Productions, Rai Cinema, supported by Ministero della Cultura, with the support of MEDIA, Regione Campania distribution 01 Distribution [Italy] world sales TRUE COLOURS country Italy/France year 2023 film run 155'

#### festivals & awards

La Biennale di Venezia 2023: Venezia 80 - Opening Film

At the beginning of the Second World War Salvatore Todaro is in command of the submarine Cappellini of the Italian Royal Navy. In October of the year 1940, while navigating in the Atlantic, the outline of a merchant ship comes into view, sailing without lights through the darkness of the night. She is the Kabalo, which later turns out to be a Belgian vessel, and suddenly opens fire on the submarine and its Italian crew. A brief but fierce battle ensues in which Todaro sinks the enemy ship with gunfire. And it is at this point that the commander takes a decision that will go down in history: to rescue the twenty-six members of the Belgian crew from drowning in the middle of the ocean and tow their lifeboat to the nearest safe port, as required by the law of the sea. To do so he was obliged to remain on the surface for three days, exposing the submarine to enemy forces and putting at risk his own life and that of his men.

When the captain of the Kabalo, put ashore on the island of Santa Maria in the Azores, asked him why he had been willing to take such a risk, disregarding the instructions of his own superiors, Salvatore Todaro responded with the words

#### that have made him a legend: "The others do not have, like me, two thousand

years of civilisation behind them."



## **ENEA** by **Pietro Castellitto**

cast Pietro Castellitto, Giorgio Quarzo Guarascio, Benedetta Porcaroli, Chiara Noschese, Giorgio Montanini, Adamo Dionisi, Matteo Branciamore, Cesare Castellitto, Sergio Castellitto screenplay Pietro Castellitto cinematography Radek Ladczuk editing Gianluca Scarpa

set design Massimiliano Nocente costume design Andrea Cavalletto music Niccolò Contessa producer Lorenzo Mieli, Luca Guadagnino production The Apartment, Frenesy, Vision Distribution distribution Vision Distribution [Italy] world sales VISION DISTRIBUTION country Italy year 2023 film run 117'

#### festivals & awards

La Biennale di Venezia 2023: Venezia 80

Enea, Aeneas, pursues the myth that his name bears. He does it to feel alive in a dead and decadent age. He does it in the company of Valentino, a newly christened aviator. Together with the drug dealing and the parties, the two boys share their youth. Lifelong friends, victims and perpetrators of a corrupt world, but moved by an incorruptible vitality. Beyond the boundaries of the rules, on the other side of morality, there's an ocean of humanity and symbols to discover. Enea and Valentino will soar over it to the furthest extremes. But the drugs and the underworld are the invisible shadow of a story that speaks of something else: a melancholy father, a brother who has conflicts at school, a mother defeated by love and a beautiful girl, a happy ending and a happy death, a palm tree falling on a world made of glass. It is between the cracks of everyday life that Enea and Valentino's adventure gradually finds reprieve. An adventure that may seem criminal to others, but which for them is, and will be first and foremost, an adventure of friendship and love.

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