

WIFF praised as second-biggest film festival in Canada



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Cinema-goers line the street for the Windsor International Film Festival in 2015. *TYLER BROWNBRIDGE / WINDSOR STAR*

[The Windsor International Film Festival](http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/)
(<http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/>) — one of the

city's cultural highlights — is being praised as the second-biggest film festival in Canada.

According to the Toronto International Film Festival, WIFF is now ranked second amongst the 158 events in the TIFF circuit.

The TIFF circuit is an outreach program that brings the cinematic offerings of TIFF to communities across the country. Windsor has been a part of the circuit since 1997.

In 2014, WIFF was ranked fourth in the circuit. But the 2015 edition of WIFF was its most successful to date (<http://windsorstar.com/entertainment/local-arts/wiff-2015-breaks-ticket-sales-record-festival-director-seeks-city-support>), with a record-breaking 17,000 tickets sold.

WIFF executive director Vincent Georgie said WIFF is proud of the new ranking — particularly due to the fact that the festival is dependent on volunteer efforts.

“This (new ranking) is undoubtedly due to the quality of our festival, the passion and dedication of our volunteers, and the endless support of our community,” Georgie said in a statement.

“Being the second-biggest volunteer-run film festival in all of Canada is something Windsor can wear as a badge of pride.”

The 2016 edition of the Windsor International Film Festival is Nov. 1-6 at the Capitol Theatre (121 University Ave. W.).

Among the films announced so far:

- The Handmaiden (<http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/films/the-handmaiden/>): An erotic psychological thriller from Korea that made waves at this year's Cannes Film Festival. From the mind of Chan-wook Park, director of *Oldboy*.
- Manchester By the Sea (<http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/films/manchester-by-the-sea/>): An acclaimed U.S. drama starring Casey Affleck as a man who must confront his past when a death in the family brings him back to his Massachusetts hometown.
- The latest piece of strangeness by indie filmmaking legend Jim Jarmusch: Paterson (<http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/films/paterson/>) — the story of a bus driver who drives his bus. And writes poetry. Starring Adam Driver of *Kylo Ren* fame.

Check www.windsorfilmfestival.com (<http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/>) for updates on the lineup and more WIFF details.



Cinema-goers crowd the lobby of the Capitol Theatre during the 2015 edition of the Windsor International Film Festival. *DALSON CHEN / WINDSOR STAR*

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