



**ET CANADA CO-HOST RICK CAMPANELLI TO BE HONOURED
WITH ITALIAN CONTEMPORARY FILM FESTIVAL'S INAUGURAL
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

**AWARD TO BE PRESENTED AT OPENING NIGHT PRESENTATION OF ICFF
JUNE 26 AT 6:30 PM AT TIFF BELL LIGHTBOX**

ICFF RUNS JUNE 26 — JULY 6, 2013 IN TORONTO AND VAUGHAN

TORONTO, ON – June 26, 2013 - - The Italian Contemporary Film Festival is proud to announce that RICK CAMPANELLI will be presented with the ICFF's inaugural Award of Excellence for his outstanding contribution to Arts and Entertainment in Canada, at the Opening Night of the festival on June 26, 2013, at the TIFF Bell Lightbox, Toronto.

Born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario, Rick Campanelli has established himself as one of Canada's most recognizable TV personalities. After spending nearly a decade with MuchMusic as one of their most popular VJs, chatting with the biggest names in the music industry, he left MuchMusic in 2005 for the launch of Entertainment Tonight Canada. As co-host of ET Canada, he offers viewers the inside scoop on the latest celebrity gossip, current affairs and pop culture trends, and chats with the biggest names in entertainment.

With a name like Campanelli, it's no surprise that Rick's favourite place in the world is Italy, where Rick can submerge himself into the country's culture, winding his way through the cobblestone streets after a four-course Italian meal.

In addition to his ET Canada responsibilities, Campanelli is involved with numerous charitable organizations including World Vision, Tuberos Sclerosis, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, McMaster Children's Hospital and Kid's Help Phone.

To download a high resolution image of RICK CAMPANELLI: <http://bit.ly/16ydPI4>

The second edition of the ICFF officially kicks off this evening with the international premiere of **BENVENUTO PRESIDENTE**, a political comedy starring Claudio Bisio (Oscar® winner *Mediterraneo*) as a small town librarian and avid fisherman who is accidentally elected President of Italy. The screening will be followed by a sumptuous Italian-themed event at the Ritz-Carlton™ Toronto.

Building on the success of the 2012 inaugural edition, the expanded 11-day event will run from June 26 – July 6 and will showcase the best in new Italian cinema from around the world and Canada, including 24 feature film premieres. The exciting and eclectic slate of 62 Italian and Italian-themed films and shorts will screen at the TIFF Bell Lightbox and the Royal Cinema in Toronto, and at AMC Interchange in Vaughan.

This year's slate, 50% larger than the inaugural edition, includes a wide array of genres – from comedies and searing political dramas – to documentaries and shorts, and covers a variety of issues.

ICFF is proud to welcome notable guest directors, actors and producers who will be in attendance at the Festival to introduce their films and participate in post-screening audience Q & As. Guests will include:

- Award-winning writer/director [Silvio Soldini](#) (*Bread and Tulips*) who will receive the ICFF Lifetime Achievement Award on July 6th at the Closing Night Presentation. Soldini's infidelity drama ['COSA VOGLIO DI PIU'](#) (*Come Undone*) is the Closing Night Film of the Festival.
- [Walter Nudo](#) – Montreal-born Italian megastar (TV series *Carabinieri* and *Incantesimo 8*) is the star of ICFF film [HOPEFUL NOTES](#).
- [Monica Nappo](#) – Italian actress (*Woody Allen`s To Rome With Love*) stars in the ICFF film [W ZAPPATORE](#)
- [Nicolas Vaporidis](#) – Italian star of box office hit [OUTING: FIDANZATI PER SBAGLIO](#).
- [Andrea Iervolino](#) – Italian (part-Canadian) producer of [OUTING: FIDANZATI PER SBAGLIO](#) and [E IO NON PAGO](#).
- [Valeria Marini](#) – popular Italian actress and TV Host. ICFF film [E IO NON PAGO](#).
- [Robert Loggia](#) - Oscar and Emmy-nominated actor (*Jagged Edge, Scarface, Big*) ICFF film [REAL GANGSTERS](#)

LOCAL TALENT:

- Frank D'Angelo – writer, director, actor and musician - [REAL GANGSTERS](#)
- Nick Mancuso - award-winning Toronto actor – ICFF film [REAL GANGSTERS](#)
- Tony Rosato - Toronto actor (*Night Heat*) - ICFF film [REAL GANGSTERS](#)
- Art Hindle (E.N.G) – Award-winning Toronto actor (*E.N.G.*) ICFF film [REAL GANGSTERS](#)
- Tony Nardi - award-winning Toronto actor – ICFF film [LETTER TWO](#)
- Jerry Ciccoritti – award-winning Toronto director. ICFF film [THE RESURRECTION OF TONY GITONE](#)

TICKETS

Tickets for all venues are now on sale [online](#) or in person at TIFF Bell Lightbox Box Office, 350 King Street West, (416) 599-8433, and at presenting theatres and at the ICFF headquarter (416) 893-3966, info@icff.ca

For the complete film line-up and ticket information please visit: <http://www.icff.ca>

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AWARDS

Eleven days of screenings and receptions will be capped with the Closing Night Ceremony on July 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the TIFF Bell Lightbox where the ICFF will announce the winners of three awards.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The People's Choice Award will be chosen by the audience, which will cast ballots for Best Feature. The winner will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

ANGELA BALDASSARRE AWARD

A jury comprised of members of the Toronto Film Critics Association (TFCA) will present the Angela Baldassarre Award to the "Best Film" of the ICFF in memory of Angela, a gifted Toronto film critic who lost her battle with cancer on November 15, 2007. Angela was a member of the TFCA.

ICFF SHORT FILM AWARD

This year the festival is introducing the inaugural Best Short Film Award, which will be chosen by the Audience. It is sponsored by the ICFF and carries a \$1000 cash prize.

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ABOUT THE ITALIAN CONTEMPORARY FILM FESTIVAL (ICFF)

Founded in 2012, the ICFF is a non-profit cultural organization which provides a showcase for the best in new Italian cinema. Each year, the festival will present international, national and local Italian and Italian-themed films to celebrate the diversity of this country's rich cultural heritage.

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