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► CityLifeTV.ca host Madeline Stephenson covers Toronto's 35th annual International Film Festival.

SHOOTING STARS

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Toronto transformed into Hollywood this past September as hundreds of celebrities filled the streets of the largest city in Canada during the 35th annual movie movement Toronto International Film Festival. For 10 star-studded days, Yorkville, King Street West and the downtown core of Toronto exploded with action as enthusiastic crowds gathered around the legendary actors and filmmakers that revealed their latest projects.

At sundown, A-list celebrities scoured the city's hot spots to celebrate their films and mingle with fans. The Roosevelt Room Supper Club was a staple stop for famous film stars like Edward Norton, Robert De Niro, Hayden Christensen, David Schwimmer, Milla Jovovich and a bevy of others who were seen socializing at the sophisticated site.

To kick off the 10 days of TIFF, web portal citylifeTV.ca coalesced with emerging Canadian talent at a rooftop event hosted by Absolut Vodka. The night was designed to give budding artists a platform to blossom. Another major highlight was Alliance Films' TIFF celebration at the trendy lounge South of Temperance. Among the celebrities that graced the red carpet were Juliette Lewis (*Conviction*), the legendary Lennox Louis, Jamie Kennedy (*Ghost Whisperer*), Greg Bryk (*Immortals*), Being Erica's Erin Karpluk, Cesar Milan (*The Dog Whisperer*) and of course, Alliance Films' chairman Victor Loewy. "It's fantastic. It's nice to open up our city to all the people around the world," Bryk tells citylifeTV.ca.



On Sept. 10th, 2010, The Roosevelt Room hosted the debut dinner for *Stone*. Special cast appearances included John Curran (*Stone* director), Edward Norton and Robert De Niro.



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1. Olivier Barthelemy, Romain Gavras and Vincent Cassel of *Our Day Will Come*. 2. British recording artist M.I.A. was anything but at The Roosevelt Room's official after-party for *Our Day Will Come*. 3. Actor Allen Altman of the award-winning TIFF film *Incendies*. 4. John Curran, Milla Jovovich and Edward Norton of *Stone* at The Roosevelt Room's after-party.

The fashion capital of Canada and its celebrated film festival welcomed other famous faces, such as James Franco, Nicole Kidman, Ben Affleck, Megan Fox and Blake Lively. Oscar buzz palpitated with director Danny Boyle's *127 Hours*, *Black Swan*, starring Natalie Portman; *Stone* (Robert De Niro, Milla Jovovich, Edward Norton); *Biutiful* with Javier

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Bardem, and *Rabbit Hole* with Nicole Kidman. The TIFF films to make the most noise were *The King’s Speech* – a historical royal drama named the festival’s fan favourite – and *Incendies*, a moving story about love and war that won TIFF’s Best Canadian Film. “This year’s TIFF has been outstanding on all levels. I had two films and ran into so many amazing people that I have been blessed to work with over the years. My specific highlight however, was the premiere and after-party for *Incendies*,” says the movie’s star, actor Allen Altman.

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TOP FIVE FLICKS

If you missed them at TIFF, here are five films to look forward to!

1. *Black Swan*
2. *Stone*
3. *Incendies*
4. *127 Hours*
5. *The King’s Speech*



▲ Sarah Carter of Steven Spielberg’s sci-fi series *Falling Skies* at South of Temperance’s Alliance Film bash.



◀ Legendary boxer Lennox Lewis shares his most memorable boxing moment with citylifeTV.ca on the red carpet at Alliance Films’ TIFF celebration.



▲ “Just dip us in maple syrup and throw us to the Canadians!” jokes British juggernaut Colin McAllister, left, with partner Justin Ryan of design show *Colin & Justin’s Home Heist* (HGTV).



▲ Actress Emily Hampshire tells citylifeTV.ca about her steamy scenes with Jay Baruchel and Scott Speedman in the TIFF flick *Good Neighbours*.



► Actress Juliette Lewis of *Conviction* poses prettily in a ravishing Dolce & Gabbana mini-dress during Alliance Films’ TIFF party at South of Temperance.



▲ Renowned dog whisperer Cesar Millan teaches us some tricks of the trade.

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