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**OPENING, CENTERPIECE & CLOSING:  
GALAS ATTRACT HIGH-PROFILE INTERNATIONAL GUESTS TO TORONTO**

Toronto, October 8, 2013 — Reel Asian's 2013 Galas feature a celebration of 100 years of Indian cinema, the directorial debut by Simon Yam, one of the most recognized Hong Kong actors today, and an intimate look at the inspirational story of global sports phenomenon Jeremy Lin.

**TORONTO OPENING NIGHT GALA: BOMBAY TALKIES** (directors Karan Johar, Dibakar Banerjee, Zoya Akhtar, Anurag Kashyap, India 2013, Canadian Premiere)  
Tue Nov 5, 7:00 PM, Isabel Bader Theatre

Celebrating 100 years of Indian cinema, *Bombay Talkies* is a Cannes Film Festival Gala film showcasing the power of storytelling by four of Mumbai's hottest independent filmmakers and featuring Bollywood stars Rani Mukerji and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. Around the world, 2013 has been a year to celebrate a hundred years of Indian cinema. And it's never been a better time to do so in Toronto, as this year Reel Asian is proud to add South Asian films to its programming mandate. For those who hold Bollywood close to their hearts, *Bombay Talkies* will resonate with its references to the cinema's culture of larger-than-life movie stars, catchy songs and memorable dances, while offering exciting insight to those new to this cinema. If you somehow missed the first hundred years of Bollywood, you might want to check out the next hundred.

**CENTERPIECE PRESENTATION: TALES FROM THE DARK: PART 1** (directors Simon Yam in attendance, Lee Chi Ngai, Fruit Chan, Hong Kong 2013, Toronto Premiere)  
Fri Nov 8, 8:00 PM, The Royal

From grave-digging and ghost-hunting to revenge-seeking and demon-exorcising, directors Simon Yam, Lee Chi Ngai and Fruit Chan create three distinct tales of Hong Kong horror to chill your bones, make you sweat and keep you up hearing the whispers in the night. Award-winning actor Simon Yam makes his directorial debut and stars in *Stolen Body*. Yam plays a man who, driven mad as he struggles to make the rent, plots a quick fix that involves stealing from the dead. Yam is an internationally acclaimed Hong Kong actor who has starred in over 170 films in his career, including *SPL* (2005), *Election* (2005), *The Thieves* (2012), *Bodyguards and Assassins* (2009), *Ripples of Desire* (2012) and *Man of Tai Chi* (2013). His awards include Best Actor for *Echoes of the Rainbow* (2010 Hong Kong Film Awards) and Best Performance by an Actor for *Sparrow* (2008 Asia Pacific Screen Awards).

**TORONTO CLOSING NIGHT GALA: LINSANITY** (director Evan Jackson Leong in attendance, USA 2013, Toronto Premiere)  
Sun Nov 11, 7:00 PM, The Royal

The meteoric rise of Jeremy Lin, from NBA benchwarmer to worldwide phenomenon, coined the term "Linsanity" and created one of the most unforgettable stories in sports and Asian American history. In 2010, director Evan Jackson Leong approached a relatively unknown Harvard University Taiwanese American basketball player, seeking to document his life on film. Little did he and the rest of the world know that Jeremy Lin would soon become a legend. Featuring rare home footage and interviews with Lin's family and friends, *Linsanity* is more than just a film for sports fanatics. It's a story of how race is perceived in the media and an inspirational account of the importance of a strong work ethic and devotion to faith and family in the midst of fan hysteria and fame. Leong is a director and documentary filmmaker based in New York City. He has

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worked with director Justin Lin on *Better Luck Tomorrow* (2002) and *Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift* (2006). He was also co-producer of Justin Lin's *Finishing the Game*, which opened Reel Asian in 2009.

Note: there will be an encore screening of LINSANITY on Sat Nov 16, 4:30 PM at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

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