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**53RD CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES NEW
ADDITIONS: *THE BALLAD OF LEFTY BROWN* AND *I, TONYA***

*Actor Bill Pullman and Director Jared Moshé Scheduled to Attend
Screening of The Ballad of Lefty Brown*

CHICAGO - The 53rd Chicago International Film Festival today announces two additions to the 53rd Festival lineup, October 12 – 26, 2017. *I, Tonya* will screen on Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. and *The Ballad of Lefty Brown* will screen on Monday, October 23 at 8 p.m. at the AMC River East 21 ([322 E. Illinois](#)). Actor Bill Pullman and director Jared Moshé are scheduled to attend.

In addition to Pullman and Moshé, other notable guests of the Festival announced to date, include Chadwick Boseman, Sterling K. Brown, Josh Gad, Reginald Hudlin, Jussie Smollett, Paula Wagner and grandson of Thurgood Marshall John Marshall with the film *Marshall*; Director Simon Curtis; Jon Lovitz; Vanessa Redgrave; Tracy Letts; Alfre Woodard for a special Black Perspectives Tribute; Patrick Stewart; Michael Stuhlbarg; and Michael Shannon. Filmmakers from around the world are also scheduled to attend the Festival with their films. For a detailed schedule of appearances, please see below.

I, Tonya—Dir. Craig Gillespie, U.S.
Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m.

Tonya Harding dominated the ice with unrivaled athleticism, but she stole the headlines for something else entirely. Brought to life in unforgettable performances by Margot Robbie and Allison Janney, *I, Tonya* is an, at times, absurd, tragic and frequently irreverent look at the biggest scandal in sports history. Based on interviews with Harding and her ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, who orchestrated the famous attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan that resulted in Harding's lifetime ban from figure skating, *I, Tonya* breaks the mold of the conventional screen biopic in its defiantly unconventional search for the truth behind the screaming headlines that made a monster out of Tonya Harding. Directed by Craig Gillespie (*Lars and the Real Girl*), starring Margot Robbie and co-starring Sebastian Stan, Allison Janney, Paul Walter Hauser, Bobby

Cannavale and Julianne Nicholson, *I, Tonya* finds humor, heart and hard knocks in one of the 20th century's most gripping true-life tales.

The Ballad of Lefty Brown—Dir. Jared Moshé, U.S.

Monday, October 23 at 8 p.m.

Lefty Brown (Bill Pullman) is a 63-year-old sidekick. Loyal, crotchety and rarely taken seriously, he's ridden with Western legend Eddie Johnson (Peter Fonda) for his entire adult life. Now Johnson has been appointed Senator of Montana, and despite the objections of his spirited wife Laura (Kathy Baker), he plans to leave Lefty in charge of his ranch. But when a rustler (Joe Anderson) kills Johnson, Lefty is forced from his partner's shadow. Devastated by guilt, he sets out on a journey that will reunite him with old friends US Marshall Tom Harrah (Tommy Flanagan) and Montana Governor James Bierce (Jim Caviezel) as he confronts the ugly realities of frontier justice.

Ticket and Event Information

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Additional Festival appearances include:

October 12: *Marshall* - Chadwick Boseman, Sterling K. Brown, Josh Gad, Jussie Smollett, Director Reginald Hudlin, Producer Paula Wagner and grandson of Thurgood Marshall John Marshall

October 13: *Goodbye Christopher Robin* - Director Simon Curtis

October 14: *Chasing The Blues* - Jon Lovitz

October 16: *Blow Up* and *Sea Sorrow* - Vanessa Redgrave

October 18: *Lady Bird* - Tracy Letts

October 21: Black Perspectives Tribute with Alfre Woodard

October 23: *The Ballad of Lefty Brown* – Bill Pullman and Director Jared Moshé

October 25: Tribute to Patrick Stewart

October 25 (new date*): *Call Me By Your Name* - Michael Stuhlbarg

October 26: *The Shape of Water* – with Tribute to Michael Shannon

Ticket and Event Information

The 53rd Chicago International Film Festival is October 12-26. Screenings take place at the AMC River East 21 ([322 E. Illinois](#)). The complete lineup and schedule is available at [chicagofilmfestival.com](#). Tickets are now on sale. Tickets are available by calling 312-332-FILM (3456), online at [chicagofilmfestival.com](#), at the Festival Box Office at AMC River East at [322 E. Illinois Street](#), and at the Festival Pop-Up Box Office at [400 S. Dearborn](#).

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