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Toronto Film Opens Canada Images Program at Vancouver International Film Festival

The Canadian Tamil Congress congratulates the crew and cast of *1999* for being selected to open the Vancouver International Film Festival's Canada Images Program. The film will debut at VIFF on Oct. 14 and Oct. 15. The premiere will mark the first time a film made by Tamil Canadians has been shown at an international film festival.

"The selection of *1999* into VIFF represents a milestone for Tamil Canadians, we are thrilled the crew and cast made a movie that tells a rare and powerful story," said David Poopalapillai, National Spokesperson for the Canadian Tamil Congress.

1999 was directed by Toronto filmmaker Lenin M. Sivam and featured a local crew of actors. It offers a rarely seen look at the violence which had once affected Toronto's Tamil community and made countless headlines during the 1990s. The Toronto release date will be announced shortly.

"It's a testament to Lenin M. Sivam's talent and passion for moviemaking that this movie, with its bare-bones budget and its group of volunteer actors, has made it all the way into an international film festival," said Poopalapillai. "We strongly believe there are many more success stories that are yet to come out from our Tamil Canadian artistic community."

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