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**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE OF "THE TRIBE"**

**BY MYROSLAV SLABOSHPYTSKIY**

**AT TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (TIFF) 2014**

*Tuesday, August 19, 2014, Toronto* - Today it was announced that Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy's **THE TRIBE** will have its North American premiere at the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival. Slaboshpytskiy's film will screen as part of TIFF 2014's Discovery section.

This daring Ukrainian drama, which was made entirely in sign language with no dialogue or subtitles, is Slaboshpytskiy's first feature film. **THE TRIBE** follows Sergey, a deaf-mute teenager who enters a special boarding school for the deaf-and-dumb. Here, he is cast into the existing crime and prostitution-filled hierarchy, the tribe. He soon becomes involved with one of the Chief's concubines and unwillingly breaks all the unwritten rules of the tribe.

**THE TRIBE** premiered at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival, where it swept up awards at 53<sup>rd</sup> edition of Cannes' Critics Week. There, it won the Nespresso Grand Prize, the Visionary Award, and a new distribution grant from the Fondation Gan. It later won the Grand Prix, as well as the Special Prize for Best Director at Russia's 2014 Tarkovsky Film Festival.

**THE TRIBE** is distributed in Canada by Films We Like. Founded by award-winning filmmaker Ron Mann, Films We Like is a boutique distributor of documentary, independent and international films.

For more info, please visit: <http://www.filmswelike.com/films/drafthouse/tribe/>

## **THE TRIBE**

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