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**Leading Canadian film distributor Elevation Pictures' *ROOM* and  
*CLOSET MONSTER* win awards at this year's  
2015 Toronto International Film Festival**

TORONTO, September 20<sup>th</sup> – ***ROOM*** has won the Grolsch People's Choice Award at the 40<sup>th</sup> Toronto International Film Festival. The Grolsch People's Choice Award has come to be regarded as a key measure for future awards, including the Academy Awards. As well, ***CLOSET MONSTER***, also an Elevation Pictures' film has won the Canada Goose award for Best Canadian Feature Film at this year's festival.

This is Elevation Pictures second win of the Grolsch People's Choice Awards, since it's inception in 2013. Last year, *The Imitation Game*, directed by Morten Tyldum, won People's Choice in Toronto, and ultimately won best screenplay at the Academy Awards.

***ROOM***, directed by Lenny Abrahamson explores both a taut narrative of captivity and freedom, an imaginative trip into the wonders of childhood, and a profound portrait of a family's bonds and fortitude, ***ROOM*** is a beautifully transcendent experience based on the award-winning global bestseller by Emma Donoghue. Director Lenny Abrahamson remains faithful to the novel while bringing Jack, Ma and their entirely singular world to heart-pounding and intensely cinematic life. ***ROOM*** demonstrates the triumphant power of familial love even in the darkest of circumstances, and is sure to take its place among the most emotionally affecting films to ever explore. ***ROOM*** is a No Trace Camping production in association with Duperele Films, a Lenny Abrahamson film. The producers are Ed Guiney and David Gross.

***CLOSET MONSTER***, directed by Stephen Dunn, and produced by Rhombus Media, tells the story of Oscar Madly (Connor Jessup), a creative and driven teenager who hovers on the brink of adulthood. Destabilized by his dysfunctional parents, unsure of his sexuality, and haunted by horrific images of a tragic gay bashing he witnessed as a child, Oscar dreams of escaping the town he feels is suffocating him. A talking hamster, imagination and the prospect of love help him confront his surreal demons and discover himself.

Noah Segal and Laurie May co-presidents of Elevation Pictures' say: "We are thrilled to have two of our films celebrated through awards at TIFF this year. ***ROOM*** and ***CLOSET MONSTER*** both reflect the diverse slate that Elevation Pictures' has, appealing to a broad section of movie goers"

Elevation Pictures premiered eight films at TIFF this year: ***ROOM***, ***HYENA ROAD***, ***CLOSET MONSTER***, ***INTO THE FOREST***, ***LEGEND***, ***RIVER***, ***THE WITCH*** and ***ZOOM***.

About Elevation Pictures:

Founded in 2013, with finance partner Teddy Schwarzman of Black Bear Pictures, Elevation Pictures has already established itself as one of Canada's leading film and television distribution companies. Elevation's team of seasoned production and distribution executives are committed to bringing a robust film and television slate to audiences with both commercial and critical appeal. For more information, visit [elevationpictures.com](http://elevationpictures.com)

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