

## The best parties that went down on the first weekend of TIFF

Find out where Elliot Page, Nelly Furtado, Director X, Shaquille O'Neal and more were hanging out after hours

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Despite fears that this year's TIFF would be lacking star power due to the ongoing SAG-AFTRA strike, the red carpets have been littered with big names, and a time-honoured Hollywood tradition has returned: the invite-only after-hours TIFF bash. Here, an inside look at the most star-studded galas, premieres and kick-offs that took place over the festival's first weekend.

### Artists for Peace and Justice Gala



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The RBC house at Petros82 hosted a music-themed party, which was deejayed by former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, a.k.a. DJ Diesel.



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O'Neal also met Priyanka, the winner of Canada's Drag Race season one.

## Black Academy Legacy Awards Kick-Off Party



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The RBC House and Petros82 hosted a celebration of Black Canadian talent. Here, Director X is seen hanging out with actor Stephan James, founder of the awards.



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Zaib Shaikh, consul general of Canada in Los Angeles, with Kirstine Stewart, head of Shaping the Future of Media at the World Economic Forum.



Siphehile November, a principal dancer at the National Ballet of Canada and the subject of the documentary *Beyond Moving*, made an appearance.

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