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## **Sing 2 by Garth Jennings opens the 39<sup>th</sup> Torino Film Festival**

The international premiere of **SING 2** will open the 39<sup>th</sup> Torino Film Festival on November 26, 2021.

Once again written and directed by **Garth Jennings** (*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, 2005; *Son of Rambow*, 2007; *Sing*, 2016), *Sing 2* is a colorful, animated musical comedy, the sequel to the same-titled hit movie *Sing*, in which a group of animals organizes a singing competition to restore the Moon Theatre to its old splendor and save it from being shut down. Garth Jennings will be in Turin to present the international premiere of the movie.

"Like in Aesop's fables and the great literature of every era," says the director of the Torino Film Festival, **Stefano Francia di Celle**, "the animals created by Garth Jennings' genius delve into the psychological depths of humans, intensifying and stigmatizing every nuance of the soul, and letting spectators of every age relate to the overwhelming challenge of breaking away from mediocrity and expressing their own talent in a free and creative way. A perfect beginning for our TFF, which aims to encourage the creativity of young people, independent filmmakers, and those in search of their own artistic identity."

"Finally, the Torino Film Festival returns to the cinemas and inaugurating it with a movie like *Sing 2* is a good way to celebrate, after last year's online-only festival," note **Enzo Ghigo** and **Domenico De Gaetano**, president and director of the National Cinema Museum, respectively. "It will be nice to see the enthusiasm of the public and the insiders, who will let themselves be swept away by the rousing cheerfulness and charm of the protagonists of this sparkling, animated musical comedy."

"Now that I have finished *Sing 2*," says **Garth Jennings**, the movie's director, "I realize that our ambitions for the film have always been very much in line with those of our beloved protagonist, *Buster Moon*. To reach the stars and give audiences the most marvelous, amazing, and heartfelt celebration of cinema and music possible. We couldn't be prouder of our movie and we are all very happy to bring *Sing 2* to the Torino Film Festival."

In *Sing 2*, the protagonists have to leave the Moon Theatre and perform onstage in a big city. Once again, the movie follows the adventures of the koala *Buster Moon* and his cast, who now have to concentrate on the debut of a new show at the Crystal Tower Theatre in glittering Redshore City. The protagonists will also have to go on a mission to find the rock legend *Clay Calloway* and convince him to return to the stage.

Will the characters of *Sing 2* manage to coax him out of his isolation?

A truly stellar cast will give voice to the movie characters, both in the original version and in the dubbed version, both of which will be screened at the Torino Film Festival.

In the original version, the koala *Buster* is dubbed by Oscar-winner *Matthew McConaughey*, *Reese Witherspoon* lends her voice to the piglet *Rosita*, and *Scarlett Johansson* dubs the rocker porcupine *Ash*, while the serious gorilla *Johnny* has the voice of *Taron Egerton*, the shy

elephant Meena is dubbed by Tory Kelly, and the aggravating pig Gunter by Nick Kroll. The rock legend, the lion Clay Calloway, is voiced by Bono.

The cast of Italian voices is composed of the comedian and actor **Frank Matano**, as incredibly talented as the character to whom he lends his voice, the brilliant Darius! There are also two young talents in the cast, **Jenny De Nucci**, a rising star, actress, and content creator who is adored by young and less young audiences alike. She will dub Porsha, a trendsetter, ballerina, and singer who can't wait to shine onstage in the new show created by Buster Moon.

**Valentina Vernia**, a TikTok star and ballerina, just like the character she will dub, won the hearts of the very young after participating in the talent show AMICI. Valentina AKA Banana will be the voice of the sensational Nooshy, who will also coach Johnny. To round out the dubbing aces, **Zucchero "Sugar" Fornaciari**, one of Italy's most famous and recognized singers in the world, will be a perfect reflection of the character to whom he will lend his voice, the iconic rock star Clay Calloway.

Produced by Illumination Entertainment, *Sing 2* will be released in Italian cinemas on December 23, 2021, distributed by Universal Pictures International Italy.

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