

## Toronto Palestine Film Festival

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### TPFF Brings Checkpoint Rock to the Park

**WHO:** Toronto Palestine Film Festival (TPFF)  
**EVENT:** Outdoor Screening of *Checkpoint Rock: Songs from Palestine*  
**DATE:** Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at sunset (9:00pm)  
**WHERE:** Christie Pits Park (750 Bloor St. W. and Christie St.)



TPFF is hosting a free outdoor film screening of [Checkpoint Rock: Songs from Palestine](#) as part of its summer program. The film made its North American debut as the closing night film of TPFF 2009, where it screened to a sold-out audience at the Bloor Cinema.

Directed by Javier Corcuera and [Fermín Muguruza](#), [Checkpoint Rock](#) (click for trailer) takes audiences on an incredible journey through Palestine, guided by some of its best-known, most inspiring musicians. The film spotlights the superb talents of the contemporary Palestinian music scene. Rappers, a wedding singer, and classical musicians express their personal struggles through their [music](#) (click to listen). From the billboards and neon of Tel Aviv to the poverty and oppression of Gaza and the West Bank, the film presents a diversity of extraordinary performers who will change the vision we have of a people under occupation.

This outdoor screening follows the electric [TPFF launch party](#) featuring rappers [Omar Offendum](#), Yassin, Men Seeking Prophets and DJ Leila P that took place in May at the Rivoli.

**Mark Your Calendars: The 4<sup>th</sup> annual TPFF is taking place October 1-7, 2011. Established in 2008, TPFF celebrates film as an art form and means of expression by showcasing the vibrant heritage, resilience, and narratives of the Palestinian people.**

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