



VERMONT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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**Announcing the screening of I, DANIEL BLAKE**

Burlington, VT: (August 15, 2017): The Vermont International Film Festival is pleased to announce the screening of *I, Daniel Blake*, as part of VTIFF Presents Monthly Screenings. The screening will take place at 7pm, August 31, at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center - Film House in downtown Burlington. Tickets are Free for VTIFF members, \$8 & \$5 for the general public.

**Overview:**

VTIFF Presents: *I, Daniel Blake*  
Sponsored by Main Street Landing  
Directed by Ken Loach  
UK | Fiction | 2017 | 100 min.

Awarded the Palme d'or at Cannes Film Festival 2016, *I, Daniel Blake* is a quintessential Loach film. Although set in Northern England, the focus of the film is as poignant there as it is here. The film follows a middle-aged, blue-collar carpenter struggling to navigate the bureaucracy of the British benefits system after an injury leaves him unable to work. When the state welfare system fails him, the stubbornly self-reliant Daniel must stand up and fight for his dignity, leading a one-man crusade for compassion that will transform the lives of a struggling single mother (Hayley Squires) and her two children. Returning to filmmaking after saying he was retiring in 2014, the 80-year-old Loach rails against the system with his trademark style of stripped-down social realism. Graced with humor and heart, *I, Daniel Blake* is a moving, much-needed reminder of the power of empathy in today's world.

**Links to High res stills:**     [vtiff.org/press](http://vtiff.org/press)

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