

**Internationally Acclaimed Oscar Nominee “Moonlight” Premieres in India with JIO MAMI FILM CLUB WITH STAR in ASSOCIATION WITH Vkaao and PVR PICTURES**

**WINNER GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS, INCLUDING BEST PICTURE (DRAMA)**

**8 ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING, BEST PICTURE, BEST DIRECTOR, BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**

**WINNER CRITICS’ CHOICE AWARDS, INCLUDING BEST ENSEMBLE**

Mumbai, Tuesday, February 7, 2017: The Jio MAMI Film Club with Star in association with Vkaao premiered the award winning MOONLIGHT at PVR Icon, Versova, Mumbai.



The premiere was attended by well-known personalities and actors- Rajkummar Rao, Kabir Khan and Mini Mathur, Rajkummar Rao, Ayan Mukerji, Vasan Bala, Victor Acharya, Shruthi Seth, Maanvi Gagroo, Priyanka Bose, Terence Lewis, Kiran Rao, Jio MAMi Film Festival with Star with Star Chairperson and Kamal Giachandani, CEO, PVR Pictures.

The film written and directed by Barry Jenkins is based on the play **In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue** by Tarell Alvin McCraney. The film stars Trevante Rhodes, André Holland, Janelle Monáe, Ashton Sanders, Jharrel Jerome, Naomie Harris and Mahershala Ali.



“Moonlight” is a timeless story of human connection and self-discovery, it chronicles the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world while growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami. The film spans three defining chapters in Chiron, the film's protagonist life as he experiences the ecstasy, pain, and beauty of falling in love. The film had its World Premiere at the 2016 Telluride Film Festival and was also screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, 2016.



**Jio MAMI with Star's Creative Director, Smriti Kiran** said, "The wait for Moonlight has been a long one but it has been worth it. A big thank you to Vkaao for making this possible. This year film lovers in the city can expect prolific programming from both the academy and the film club."



**Mr. Kamal Giachandani, CEO, PVR Pictures,** "Indian viewers today are demanding entertainment content that meets their evolved viewing preferences and tastes. This requirement for greater control over their in-theatre experience is what VKAAO is fulfilling with its unique theatre-on-demand concept. With niche movies such as Moonlight premiering in India through VKAAO, we are making premium entertainment from within the country and abroad more accessible to the new-age audiences in the country. We are confident that Indian movie buffs will enjoy the exclusivity that we facilitate, as we deliver an unparalleled experience of watching the latest international blockbusters at a time, place, and theatre of their choosing."



Moonlight is authentic and bold, and in the words of its writer Tarell Alvin McCraney, "the story needed to be out there". The film will be in theatres from February 17<sup>th</sup> onwards.

#### Jio MAMI Film Club with Star

The city of Mumbai is home to cinema. Mainstream populist cinema, art house - independent cinema and even B-grade potboilers co-exist and thrive here. It's home to film lovers, patrons of art and the common man who seeks a few hours of escape from his daily grind. Its home to storytellers and dreamers- It is about time that the city's beloved Mumbai Film Festival expands its horizons and initiates year-round activities that create a much-needed holistic ecosystem for cinema, the film fraternity and film lovers. We look forward to creating a platform that nurtures, supports, educates and entertains this vast community of movie lovers from all walks of life.

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