



JIO MAMI 18TH MUMBAI FILM FESTIVAL WITH STAR WELCOMES PRIMETIME EMMY AWARD-WINNER CARY FUKUNAGA

On his first visit to India, filmmaker Cary Fukunaga to be the guest of honour at Mid-Festival Soirée hosted by Four Seasons' AER in association with Chandon

Cary Fukunaga to conduct a MasterClass on October 25, 2016 at PVR Icon, Andheri.



Mumbai, October 07, 2016: Jio MAMI with Star is proud to announce a MasterClass with acclaimed director, writer and cinematographer, Cary Fukunaga on October 25, 2016. Cary Fukunaga is one of the most significant filmmakers of this generation. The MasterClass will give insights into his craft, challenges and choices of a filmmaker. On his first visit to India, the Festival organizers will also throw an extravagant, mid-festival soirée in honour of the director at AER - Bar & Lounge, an award winning, and internationally known destination in association with Chandon on October 24, 2016.

At just 39 years old, Fukunaga is a Hollywood rarity; a visionary director who is able to marry cinematic brilliance with highbrow concepts and he has quickly become one of the greatest filmmakers of his time.

He made his feature film writing and directorial debut with critical acclaimed movie *Sin Nombre*. *Sin Nombre* won awards for best dramatic direction and cinematography at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. Cary then moved on to his second full-length film *Jane Eyre*, adapted from Charlotte Brontë's classic novel.

He then directed, wrote and filmed *Beasts of No Nation* for which he was nominated for the Independent Spirit Award for Best Director and Best Cinematography, and the film also



received a nomination for Best Feature. The movie was an official selection at Venice, Telluride, and Toronto film festivals.

In 2014, Fukunaga helmed all eight episodes of the Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson noir thriller for HBO, *True Detective*. This mastery got Cary a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Direction for a Drama series.

Jio MAMI with Star, Creative Director, Smriti Kiran said, “It is surreal that Cary Fukunaga is attending the Festival. I deeply admire his work. The MasterClass with him would be an invaluable experience for the fans he has in India. Voices like his are rare. He attacks the emotional core of his audience and you can almost taste the diverse worlds he dives into with each of his films. He is singularly brilliant.”

Festival delegates will also get a chance to interact with Cary through a Q&A post the masterclass.

At the Soirée, Chandon will unveil the new signature bottle design inspired by the festive season. AER Bar & Lounge's new star mixologist Ashish Sharma and Chandon India will conceptualize a special cocktail menu comprising of unique Mumbai flavours.

In speaking of the collaboration, Vikram Reddy, General Manager Four Seasons Hotel Mumbai said, "We are pleased to be partnering with MAMI 2016 which is an integral part of Mumbai's cultural calendar. Much like MAMI, AER too has been a trendsetter since its inception - a celebration of the finer things in life, a coveted destination and one of the world's most acclaimed bars. We look forward to welcoming the esteemed jury and the delegates to an unforgettable celebration high above the city that never sleeps"

Senior Marketing Manager, Sophia Sinha, Chandon India said, “Always ‘The Party Starter’, Chandon’s spirit of spontaneity and vibrancy have found a new expression this year in our Limited Edition festive bottles. Cinema, much like the bubbles in a flute of sparkling wine, is a great catalyst of conversation. With its commitment to nurturing this art, MAMI has become one of the most prestigious calendar events in our country. Needless to say we are thrilled to showcase a newest offering at MAMI 2016”.

Jio MAMI with Star VISION 2016

The Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival with Star is an inclusive movie feast. We showcase the latest cutting-edge, independent cinema - art house fare alongside genre movies from Bollywood and Hollywood and cult international movies. We offer the best of world cinema to the people of Mumbai and we offer the best of Indian cinema to the world. The festival is run by the Mumbai Academy of Moving Image popularly known as MAMI. This is a space where we revel in the sheer pleasure of cinema, the joy it gives us and how much



it enhances our lives. The goal is to nurture and ignite a passion for movies. We want Jio MAMI with Star to be shorthand for excellence in cinema.

ABOUT Jio MAMI with Star Film Festival

Mumbai - the financial capital of India is also the epicentre of the Indian film industry. The city plays such a major role in production and dissemination of Indian films and television programs that it is widely known by its acronym 'Bollywood'. In 1997, a group of film industry stalwarts headed by late Hrishikesh Mukherjee founded the Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI) as a not-for-profit Trust. Their main objective was to organise an annual International Film Festival which the film industry and the country could be proud of. MAMI has been organising the festival for the last 16 years and aims to foster a climate of good cinema. MAMI engages people from all walks of life across the city and country that enjoy and love good cinema. It is Mumbai's only film festival that is entirely created and run by film professionals and a group of members from corporate India. Appreciation of good cinema, stripped off all the limiting labels of art and commercial, can only come about through exposure to the best of films the world has to offer. The Festival is the first step in that direction.

In their Mission Statement in 1997, the MAMI Board of Trustees said, "We feel it is the need of the hour to disseminate and inculcate good cinema among Indian audiences. The only way to achieve this is to celebrate cinema by hosting an International Film Festival in Mumbai, India's film and entertainment capital. MAMI (Mumbai Academy of Moving Image) is committed to start Mumbai's first independent international film festival organized by practicing film makers."

For more information on Jio MAMI 18th Mumbai Film Festival with Star scheduled to be held from 20th October- 27th October 2016, do visit the official website, Twitter handle, Facebook Page, Instagram and YouTube as follows:

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Mumbai provides a preferred address for both business and leisure travellers, and the highly personalized, anticipatory service that Four Seasons guests expect and value around the world. Recent awards and accolades include Travel + Leisure's Best Business Hotel Award 2014, Conde Nast Traveller Best Rooftop Bars in the World and the INCA Best Open Air Bar in India for AER.

AER - Bar & Lounge is one of the highest rooftop bars in the city. The Japanese Pop design, neon lights and spaceship like furniture make the bar one of the most popular spots in the city. Add to this the skilled bartenders, the panoramic views of the city's iconic Haji Ali, Mahalaxmi Race Course, and the rapidly developing luxury real estate skyline of central Mumbai, and some groovy tunes making AER one of the most coveted nightspots in India.

For more information on Four Seasons Hotel Mumbai, visit press.fourseasons.com/mumbai or check us out on www.facebook.com/FourSeasonsHotelMumbai/

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In the late 1950s, Moët & Chandon, the world's leading Champagne House since 1743, began exploring the potential for producing world-class sparkling wines outside of the Champagne region, under the 'Chandon' name. The first Chandon Estate was created in 1959 in Argentina followed by California (1973), Brazil (1973) Australia (1986) and China (2013). Following in the pioneering steps of the founders and continuing its search for new winemaking territories, Moët Hennessy determined that the Nashik region had the potential to produce world-class, premium quality sparkling wine. Chandon is the first offering from Moët Hennessy to be made in India. Combining centuries-old winemaking practices with the finest local grapes, Chandon is available in two variants: Chandon Brut and Chandon Brut Rosé. In 2015 the Chandon India winery was awarded an ISO 22000:2005 Certificate of Compliance for their Food Safety Management System – receiving of grapes from vineyards, storage, manufacturing and bottling of sparkling wine-Category E.



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