



**After an extraordinary evening with Brad Pitt in person at the premiere of War Machine, MAMI Year Round Programme members had an exciting date with Isabelle Huppert on screen at the India Premiere of Laura Schroeder's Barrage**

Tuesday, 6th June 2017 (Mumbai): Film lovers in Mumbai were enthralled by celebrated actor Isabelle Huppert's magnificent performance in Laura Schroeder's Barrage. The film, which had its World Premiere in February at the Berlin Film Festival, was screened tonight at PVR Juhu as part of the popular Year Round Programme at MAMI.

Directed by Laura Schroeder, Barrage is the story of a turbulent mother-daughter relationship. What makes the film even more special is that it stars the real life mother-daughter pair, Isabelle Huppert and Lolita Chammah in the key roles. Widely considered one of the finest actors of all times, Isabelle Huppert has been back in the spotlight lately for her path-breaking performances in Paul Verhoeven's Elle and Mia Hansen-Løve's Things to Come and Barrage will be one more feather in the veteran's cap.

Barrage is the latest in the stellar line-up of premiere & special screenings and masterclasses/conversation sessions that MAMI has been putting together for film lovers across the city. Through its ambitious & unique Year Round Program, MAMI has already seen a host of international film talent like Brad Pitt, Dede Gardner, David Michôd, Sir Ian McKellen & Garth Davis travel to Mumbai to interact with audiences along with premieres of sought-after titles like War Machine, Lion, Moonlight, La La Land, The Salesman, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge, The Lost City of Z, Félicité, and most recently, Barrage.

The programme has witnessed a staggering response from passionate cinema lovers and the film industry who have supported it wholeheartedly.

MAMI Creative Director Smriti Kiran said, "Our mission is to develop and discover audience in India for quality cinema. We want to alter the way a certain kind of cinema is received in the country. A year round programme that brings a consistent and constant supply of quality content from India and abroad peppered with interaction with talent according to us can prove to be the game changer. Both in terms of costs and content this is a difficult goal but we are determined to make this happen. The reaction of everyone across the board has only further fuelled our ambition"

The members of MAMI Year Round Programme were moved with the evocative storytelling of Barrage.

Actor Radhika Apte who attended the screening said, "I was so happy to see the film. I'm a huge fan of Isabelle Huppert. Any film she is in, I'll be there to watch it."

Actor Shweta Tripathi shared, "I really look forward to festival films and this was one of the films at Berlin. I read about it and I was really excited. There are some movies that make you think and you want to understand more. This is one of them. I am really intrigued by the performances."

### **About MAMI:**

Jio MAMI 19th Mumbai Film Festival with Star is a film festival that is organised under the aegis of Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI), a non- profit trust.

In the last 18 years MAMI has consistently shaped the cinematic landscape of India. It showcases the best of world cinema for Indian audiences and also steers them toward landmark Indian films. Last year MAMI launched the Academy's Year Round Programme. It now hosts weekly screenings, workshops and conversation sessions for film lovers in the country.

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