

JIO MAMI 19TH MUMBAI FILM FESTIVAL WITH STAR CELEBRATES THE FRENCH CONNECTION WITH RENDEZVOUS

Rendezvous section to feature Claire Denis' Bright Sunshine in, Michel Hazanavicius's Redoubtable, Laurent Cantet's L'Atelier, Alain Gomis's Félicité and more

France, the birthplace of cinema, has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to cinema. The Jio MAMI 19th Mumbai Film Festival with Star announced a selection of the best French cinema of this year as part of its Rendezvous with French Cinema section, which celebrates contemporary French filmmaking. Rendezvous features the hottest and the most scintillating titles that have garnered worldwide praise at festivals all over the world. The lineup includes Academy Award winning director Michel Hazanavicius's Redoubtable, Claire Denis' Bright Sunshine In, Laura Schroeder' Barrage, Alain Gomis's Félicité, Barbet Schroeder's The Venerable W, Raoul Peck's The Young Karl Marx and many more.

Featuring films set in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Félicité), Burma (The Venerable W) and Germany (The Young Karl Marx), this year's Rendezvous lineup is testament to the fact that the language of cinema has truly transcended the geographical boundaries.

The festival is also honoured to have Alain Gomis, the director of Félicité (Winner of the Jury Grand Prix Award, Berlin Film Festival) who will present his film and also do a Q&A session post the screening of his film.

Here's the list of the films that will be screened under the section:

- 1. Félicité by Alain Gomis
- 2. Beauty And The Dogs (Aala Kaf Ifrit) by Kaouther Ben Hania
- 3. Barrage by Laura Schroeder
- 4. Redoubtable (Le Redoubtable) by Michel Hazanavicius
- 5. Lover For A Day (L'Amant D'Un Jour) by Philippe Garrel

- 6. Sleeping Beauty by Ado Arietta
- 7. The Young Karl Marx by Raoul Peck
- 8. Bright Sunshine In by Claire Denis
- 9. The Workshop by Laurent Cantet
- 10. The Venerable W. by Barbet Schroeder

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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 to be shorthand for excellence in cinema.

Jio MAMI 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."

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