



European Union Celebrates International Women's Day with the launch of its Film Festival in Coimbatore

Coimbatore, 08 March, 2013- European Union celebrates the International Women's Day in India with the launch of its film festival in the city of Coimbatore. Appropriately themed on "Celebrating Women", this festival narrates many engaging stories, showcases different shades, and nuances of women, and offers an insight into their remarkable lives, some of which might resonate with our Indian viewers.

Commencing today from Coimbatore, the Festival will travel to 10 other Indian cities - Bangalore, Pune, Chennai, Goa, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Chandigarh and Jodhpur. This wonderful selection of 24 films, each from a different EU Member State, manifests the European unity in diversity through the central theme of 'Women'.

Mr Pavel Svtil, Charge d'affaires a.i. of the European Union along with Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation, President Sh Sivan Kannan, General Secretary Sh E Thangaraj, Adviser Sh Srinivasa Santhanam, Treasurer Sh S Murali, Film Producer Sh Rajeev Kamineni and Sh Shankar Vanavarayar, Joint Correspondent of Kumaraguru College of Technology inaugurated the festival.

Inaugurating the festival Mr Svtil said, " This year we are celebrating the 50 years of diplomatic relations with India and it is also 18 years since the tradition of yearly EU Film festival started in India. Women centric projects have been in focus of our co-operation and this film festival is a tribute to the never say die spirit of women, not just in Europe or India but across the world."

"The inaugural film - The House from Slovakia - showcases a beautiful relationship between a father and a daughter, and the age old issue of generation gap; a theme that reverberates across families," he further added.

The EU Film Festival is organised by the EU Delegation to India and the Embassies of the EU Member States, in collaboration with a number of partners: Federation of Film Societies of India, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Suchitra Film Society and Bangalore International Centre, National Film Archives of India, Cine Central Calcutta, Nandan Theatre, Entertainment Society of Goa, Chandigarh Film Society, Film Society of Jodhpur etc.

List of Awards won by the movies showcased in the EUFF 2013

Belgium, Altiplano, Peter Brosens & Jessica Woodworth (6)

2010: Lucania Film Festival (Italy) - Best Cinematography; AVANCA Festival (Portugal) - Best Feature Film and Best Actress (Magaly Solier); Tofifest (Poland) - Special Jury Award

2009: "The City of Virton Award"(Belgium) - Grand Prix Award; Bangkok International Film Festival - Grand Prix or Golden Kinnaree

Czech Republic, Little Girl Blue, Alice Nellis (3)

2008: Bergamo Film Meeting (Italy) - Bronze Rosa Camuna; Czech Lions - Critics' Award; Pilsen Film Festival - Golden Kingfisher Award (Best Film)

Denmark, Applause, Martin Pieter Zandvliet (8)

2009: Mumbai International Film Festival - Best Actress; Zurich film festival - Critics' Choice Award, Nashville - Best Actress, Hamptons - Outstanding Achievement in Acting (Paprika Steen); Karlovy Vary - Best Actress (Paprika Steen);

2010: Robert Festival - Robert Award (Best Actress, Paprika Steen); Zulu Awards - Best Actress (Paprika Steen); Rouen Nordic Film Festival - "Deuxième Souffle" Award (Martin Zandvliet)

Estonia, Graveyard Keeper's daughter, Katrin Laur (3)

2011: International Film Festival "Arsenals" (Latvia) - Best Film in the Baltic Film competition, FIPRESCI Prize; Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival – Best Estonian Film

Finland, Princess, Arto Halonen (2)

2011: Jussi Finnish Film Awards - Jussi Award, Best Actress to Katja Kukkola; Cape Winelands Film Festival (South Africa) - Grand Prix Award

France, Water Lilies, Céline Sciamma (3)

2008: Trophées Jeunes Talents 2008 – Young Director Award

2007: Cabourg Romantic Film Festival - Prix de la jeunesse; Prix Louis-Delluc (Best Film)

Germany, After Five in the Forest Primeval, Hans-Christian Schmid (3)

1995: International Hofer Film Days - Best young director (Hans-Christian Schmid)

1996: Bavarian Film Award - Best young actress (Franka Potente)

1997: Bavarian Film Award - Best Production

Greece, Athanasia, Panos Karkanevatos (1)

2008: Thessaloniki Film Festival - FIPRESCI Prize

Ireland, 32A, Marian Quinn (2)

2007: Annual Irish Film & Television Awards – Director of Photography; Galway Film Fleadh – Best First Feature Award

Italy, The First Assignment, Giorgia Cecere (9)

2011: "Tumbarinu d'Argento" Award (Best Debut Film); Isola del Cinema Festival – Best Screenplay; Bobbio Film Festival – Audience Award; Bimbi Belli Festival – Best Actress (Isabella Ragonese); Clorofilla Film Festival – Best Actress; NICE - New Italian Cinema Events Festival – City of Florence N.I.C.E. Award, Susan Batson Award; Premio Sonora Contest – Best Soundtrack

2012: NICE Russia Festival – Best Director

Lithuania, Back to your arms, Kristijonas Vildžiūnas (10)

2011: Silver Crane Awards (Lithuania) – Best Director, Best Film and 8 other categories

Netherlands, The Dark House, Will Koopman (1)

2009: Golden and Platin Film, Netherlands – Golden Film Award

Poland, My name is Ki, Leszek Dawid (1)

2011: Polish Films Festival in Gdynia - Best Actress in a Leading Role (Roma Gašiorowska)

Portugal, Eccentricities of a Blonde-haired Girl, Manoel de Oliveira (1)

2010: Portugal Golden Globe, Best Actress (Catarina Wallenstein).

Slovenia, Installation of love, Maja Weiss (1)

2008: Jury Prize at the Trieste Film Festival

Spain, Take my eyes, Icíar Bollaín (39)

2003: Ondas Awards, Film Award (Best Actress and Best Spanish Film); San Sebastián International Film Festival, CEC Award for Best Film, SIGNIS Award - Special Mention, Silver Seashell (Best Actor and Best Actress)

2004: ADIRCAE Awards, Best Director (Icíar Bollaín) and Best Performance in a Leading Role (Laia Marull); Cinema Writers Circle Awards, Spain, Best Actor (Luis Tosar), Best Actress (Laia Marull), Best Director (Icíar Bollaín), Best Film, Best Original Score (Alberto Iglesias), Best Screenplay; Copenhagen International Film Festival, Golden Swan, Best Actor (Luis Tosar); Créteil International Women's Film Festival, Audience Award (Best Feature Film), Grand Prix; Fotogramas de Plata, Fotogramas de Plata Award, Best Film, Best Movie Actor, Best Movie Actress; Goya Awards, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Film, Best Original Screenplay, Best Sound, Best Supporting Actress; Guadalajara Mexican Film Festival, Mayahuel Award, Best Film; Iberoamerican Short Film Competition, "La Navaja de Buñuel" Award; Sant Jordi Awards, Audience Award (Best Spanish Film), Sant Jordi (Best Spanish Actress); Seattle International Film Festival, Golden Space Needle Award (Best Actor); Spanish Actors Union, Award of the Spanish Actors Union (Best Female Lead Performance, Best Male Lead Performance, Best Female Supporting Performance); Turia Awards, Audience Award (Best Spanish Film), Turia Award (Best Actor and Best Actress)

2005: Cartagena Film Festival, Golden India Catalina Best Actor (Luis Tosar)

Sweden, Beyond, Pernilla August (10)

2011: Nordic Council Film Prize

2010: São Paulo International Film Festival, International Jury Award (Best Actress), Special Jury Award (Best Fictional Film); Venice Film Festival, Christopher D. Smithers Foundation Special Award, International Critics' Week Award; Lübeck Nordic Film Days, NDR Promotion Prize; Hamburg Film Festival, Foreign Press Award; Guldbagge Awards (Swedish Academy Awards), Guldbagge (Best Direction and Best Supporting Actress), Jury Specialbagge (Best Editing)

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-The EU Film Festival Schedule-

EUFF 2013 - Celebrating Women: Coimbatore 8-14 March							
Venue: Kumaraguru College of Technology Auditorium, Screen 1&2							
Date	Time	Venue	Country	Title (English)	Director	Year	Duration
08-Mar	5:00 PM	1	Slovakia	The House	Zuzana Liova	2011	97'
09-Mar	4:15 PM	1	Spain	Take my eyes	Icíar Bollaín	2003	109'
09-Mar	6:15 PM	1	Cyprus	Roads and Oranges	Aliki Danezi-Knutsen	1996	100'
09-Mar	4:30 PM	2	Hungary	Eszter's Inheritance	Joszeif Sipos	2008	90'
09-Mar	6:30 PM	2	Bulgaria	Lora from morning till evening	Dimitar Kotsev	2011	109'
10-Mar	4:15 PM	1	Germany	After Five in the Forest Primeval	Hans-Christian Schmid	1995	99'
10-Mar	6:15 PM	1	Finland	Princess	Arto Halonen	2010	100'
10-Mar	6:30 PM	2	Belgium	Altiplano	Peter Brosens & Jessica Woodworth	2009	109'
11-Mar	4:15 PM	1	Slovenia	Installation of love	Maja Weiss	2007	98'
11-Mar	6:15 PM	1	Ireland	32A	Marian Quinn	2007	88'
11-Mar	4:30 PM	2	Netherlands	The Dark House	Will Koopman	2009	111'
11-Mar	6:30 PM	2	Lithuania	Back to your arms	Kristijonas Vildžiūnas	2010	90'
12-Mar	4:15 PM	1	Luxembourg	Your name is Justine	Franco de Peña	2006	97'
12-Mar	6:15 PM	1	Romania	My Sex Life	Cornel George Popa	2011	100'
12-Mar	4:30 PM	2	Czech Republic	Little Girl Blue	Alice Nellis	2007	95'
12-Mar	6:30 PM	2	Denmark	Applause	Martin Pieter Zandvliet	2009	85'
13-Mar	4:15 PM	1	Italy	The First Assignment	Giorgia Cecere	2010	90'
13-Mar	6:15 PM	1	UK	Fast Girls	Regan Hall	2012	91'
13-Mar	4:30 PM	2	Estonia	Graveyard Keeper's daughter	Katrin Laur	2011	100'
13-Mar	6:30 PM	2	Sweden	Beyond	Pernilla August	2010	99'
14-Mar	4:15 PM	1	Poland	My name is Ki	Leszek Dawid	2011	93'
14-Mar	6:15 PM	1	Greece	Athanasia	Panos Karkanevatos	2009	87'
14-Mar	4:30 PM	2	France	Water Lillies	Céline Sciamma	2007	100'
14-Mar	6:30 PM	2	Portugal	Eccentricities of a Blonde-haired Girl	Manoel de Oliveira	2009	64'