



## EU Film Festival comes to Bhutan

**Thimphu, Bhutan, October 21, 2014:** Providing a glimpse into the Europe's fascinating diversity and its rich cinema tradition, the European Union today launched it's first-ever Film Festival in Bhutan.

The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) was inaugurated by European Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs and the European Union Ambassador to India and Bhutan Dr João Cravinho during their visit to Thimphu. The launch was attended by Mr. Mingbo Dukpa, Minister for Education, Bhutan and Mrs. Tshering Yangden, Chief, MRD, Department of Information and Media, Ministry of Information and Communications, Bhutan. The festival opened with the screening of the German movie *'Lessons of a Dream'* at the City Cinema, Thimphu.

Inaugurating the Film Festival, Commissioner Piebalgs said, "For over a hundred years film-making has been used for many different purposes: to understand relationships; to bring stories to life; to explore anxieties; to dramatise events; to imagine the future. I hope the films in this festival will give the audience a flavour of some of the ideas and trends that European film-makers are adopting today."

The EUFF is organized by the Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan, with the support of the Ministry of Information and Communications and the Austrian Development Cooperation, Thimphu. Nineteen European countries are participating in the festival, which will be held in City Cinema from October 21 to October 28. Themed "Voices of Youth", the festival will feature 19 award-winning films, all in their national languages, with subtitles in English. The aim of showcasing the works of European film-makers is to expose the audience to European arts and culture.

The European Union Film Festival is a unique occasion for Bhutanese to experience European cinema," said Dr João Cravinho, Ambassador of the European Union. "Both the mature and younger audiences will I hope relate to the joys and travails of teenagers and young adults as they grapple with age-old themes", he added.

**Entry will be free, on a first come, first served basis.**

**The films screened at the EUFF will include** - Lessons of a Dream (Germany); Don't Be Afraid (Spain); Love Like Poison (France); Shocking Blue (The Netherlands); Fresh Air (Hungary); Aching Heart (Denmark); Bright vision (Ireland); Sneakers (Bulgaria); Blind Spot (Luxembourg); Snow Boarders (Czech Republic); Breathing (Austria); On the Sly (Belgium); Easy (Italy); Killing Bono (UK); The Brides (Greece); Hope is a strange place (Portugal); Garbage Prince (Finland); You Am I (Lithuania); Love me or Leave Me (Slovakia). ***(Please check Annexure for the Film Schedule)***

### Schedule

#### City Cinema- Hall 1

Date	Venue	Time	Film
21 October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	5:30 PM	Lessons of a Dream – 113 min. <b>(Germany)</b>
22 October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	4:30 pm	Don't Be Afraid – 90 min. <b>(Spain)</b>
	City Cinema- Hall 2	4:30 PM	Breathing – 93 min. <b>(Austria)</b>
23 October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	4:30 PM	Love Like Poison – 92 min <b>(France)</b>
	City Cinema- Hall 2	4:30 PM	On the Sly – 77 min <b>(Belgium)</b>
24 October	City Cinema- Hall 1	4:30 pm	Shocking Blue – 82 min <b>(The Netherlands)</b>

2014	City Cinema- Hall 2	4:30 PM	Easy - 97 min <b>(Italy)</b>
25 October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	2:00 pm	Fresh Air – 109 min <b>(Hungary)</b>
		4:00 pm	Aching Hearts – 125 min <b>(Denmark)</b>
	City Cinema- Hall 2	2:00 pm	Killing Bono – 114 min <b>(UK)</b>
		4:00 pm	The Brides – 123 min <b>(Greece)</b>
26 October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	2:00 pm	Bright vision – 119 min <b>(Ireland)</b>
		4:00 pm	Sneakers – 110 min <b>(Bulgaria)</b>
	City Cinema- Hall 2	2:00 pm	Hope is a strange place – 115 min <b>(Portugal)</b>
		4:00 pm	Garbage Prince – 100 min <b>(Finland)</b>
27 October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	4:30 pm	Blind Spot – 96 min <b>(Luxembourg)</b>
	City Cinema- Hall 2	4:30 pm	You Am I – 90 min <b>(Lithuania)</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	City Cinema- Hall 1	4:30 pm	Snow Boarders – 99 min <b>(Czech Republic)</b>
	City Cinema- Hall 2	4:30 pm	Love me or Leave Me – 95 min <b>(Slovakia)</b>

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