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10th CAMBODIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

(13-22 MARCH 2020)

*CAMBODIA's LARGEST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENT CELEBRATES 10 Years!
The 10th CIFF presents film from 44 countries through a selection of 157 films, including short and feature films, documentaries, and animation.*

FROM MARCH 13 to 22nd, CIFF offers 150+ screenings in all major cinemas of Phnom Penh; venues included this year are LEGEND CINEMAS, MAJOR CINEPLEX, BOPHANA CENTER, CHAKTOMUK THEATER, ROSEWOOD HOTEL & THE CIFF VILLAGE @ ECHANGE SQUARE.

CIFF IS POSSIBLE THANKS to all partners and industry supporters and we are glad to announce CELLCARD as PRESENTING PARTNER of the Festival.

OPENING CEREMONY ON MARCH 13th will host Cellcard's Ambassador SUZANNA RETH.

CAMBODIAN CINEMA - FILMS made-in and ABOUT CAMBODIA

- **STORIES IN CAMBODIA** includes fictions related to Cambodia including the recent feature films shot in the Kingdom such as BUOYANCY (multi AWARDED FILM in Festivals around the world) dealing with the topic of human trafficking in Cambodia and Southeast Asia. Also THE CLOCK by Leak Lyda (box-office hit and Award winning film at the CAMBODIA NATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2019) is presented by CIFF in its international version.

- A SPECIAL CAMBODIAN PROGRAM is the Premiere of **BANGKOSOL: A REQUIEM FOR CAMBODIA**, the original performance presented by Cambodian Living Arts and filmed by the Bophana Center. World Premiere with performances.

- CIFF pays **TRIBUTE TO PRINCESS BUPPHA DEVI** who passed-away in November 2019. This special program includes film SCREENINGS, a TRIBUTE EVENT and a special ROYAL BALLET EXHIBITION at the Rosewood Hotel.

- CIFF is also about connecting with the **CAMBODIAN DIASPORA FILMMAKERS** and presents films from Khmer communities from USA, France, Canada, Australia, New-Zealand...

- Cambodian filmmakers also expose their work on the big screen through the **CAMBODIA IN SHORTS** programs. This year CIFF presents upcoming female Cambodian directors such as Sophea Kim (GREY FEATHER premiere) and Sreylin Meas (CALIFORNIA DREAM). Also first time filmmakers trained by Bophana center present their work on WOMEN INDIGENOUS VOICES, and CIFF presents the environmental documentary JUNGLE GUARD by Ouch Makara.



CIFF VILLAGE by CELLCARD @ EXCHANGE SQUARE Plaza

For the first time, CIFF has THE VILLAGE at the Exchange Square Plaza: screenings, events and special performances will be offered free of charge from **MARCH 14TH TO 21ST - EVERY NIGHT FROM 5 PM.**

- Giant Film Screenings open-air
- Concert plus Meet & Greet with Many Popular Stars in Cambodia like MUSTACH BAND
- Cultural performances of local and international artists
- Display of Cinematography Professional Film equipment and technical demonstrations
- Cambodian and International Food and beverages and Fun
- Meet and Talk with the Directors and the Stars in the film

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

A selection of quality recent **INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILMS** from Asia and other continents in the presence of some of the filmmakers. Titles such as PARASITE (South Korea), THE CAVE (Thailand), ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD (USA) and many more excellent movies.

Documentaries will focus on numerous topics including "climate change", "natural resources", and "environment" in the extensive **BEAUTIFUL PLANET** program gathering over 20 documentaries.

This year CIFF presents an incredible selection of **INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILMS** including the S-Express programs from ASEAN countries.

Kids and families can also enjoy quality and diverse animation shorts in the **CARTOONS OF THE WORLD** Program.

10th CIFF Special programs:

- **WOMEN IN ASIAN CINEMA** - Celebrating established and fresh female directors from the Asian region.
- **SCARY WORLD** - A selection of very scary thrillers and horror films from Asia.
- **COLORFUL WORLD** - A selection of films offering different perspectives on gender issues.

CIFF COMMITTEE - World Acclaimed filmmakers support CIFF

We are very honored that **ANGELINA JOLIE PITT**, has warmly accepted the Presidency of the CIFF Honorary Committee and attended several events during CIFF since 2016. It is a great encouragement for the new generation of filmmakers. Also, famous Hollywood actress **ELODIE YOUNG** (*Elektra, Gods of Egypt, Girl with Dragon Tattoo...*) became Patron of the CIFF since 2018.

Oscar nominated and multi Awarded Cambodian-French director and producer **RITHY PANH** is a founding member of CIFF. He has contributed to the development of film in Cambodia through the creation of the Bophana Center in 2006 and the launch of the Cambodia Film Commission.



Since 2015, CIFF initiated an Honorary Committee, gathering together film professionals who support the development of the Cambodian film industry. The committee includes **Sok Visal** (Director, Cambodia), **Kalyanee Mam** (Director, USA), **James Gerrand** (Director, Australia), **Nicholas Simon** (Producer, USA), **Caylee So** (Director, USA), **Davy Chou** (Director, France).

THE CIFF GENERAL INFORMATION

ORGANISERS and PARTNERS

Hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and endorsed by UNESCO, CIFF is organised by the Cambodia Film Commission and the Bophana Center, in partnership with Legend Cinemas (EX Square, Eden, City Mall, TK Avenue), Major Cineplex (Sorya, AEON Mall), Rosewood Hotel, Chaktomuk.

10th CIFF is supported by major film companies and media, the Australian Embassy, The Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Purin Foundation.

ADMISSIONS

Free admission - first come first served. Last tickets and skip line tickets are 5000 Riels
Tickets available 1 Hour before each screening at CIFF counters on site.

INFORMATION & CONTACT

The detailed program, schedule, and information on events and special guests will be released online:

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