**PRESS CONFERENCE RELEASE**

**(JIFF 2017, Jaipur INDIA)**

**JIFF-2017 to Open On Saturday (January 7) at Golcha Cinema at 5.30PM**

* Life Time Achievement Award to visionary Ramesh Prasad
* South Indian Stars in Inaugural Ceremony
* JIFF-2017 to Open with **Sila Samayangalil and Dana Dana**
* **Closing films would be Survivior and Neruda**
* **International film fraternity looking at Two Co-Production Meets**
* **134 Films from Across the Globe to be Screened with 17 Workshops, Seminars and Master Strokes.**

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**JAIPUR, January 5.** Pink City of Jaipur, the International destination for acclaimed filmmakers, bold new directors and lovers of cinema, will come alive with the gala opening of the 9th Jaipur International Film festival (JIFF) on January 7 at Golcha Cinema (5:30PM).

The Festival which has been scaling new heights since its inception will have variety of add-on features this time when as many as 134 films from across the globe will be screened at two screens at **Golcha** from January 7 till 11. Films would also be screened at the **Rajasthan Adult Education Association** (RAEA) and the **Manipal University Jaipur**.

Ever since its inception, the JIFF has continuously been drawing international attention to its efforts in raising profile of films for the development of cinema worldwide and boosting the film industry. Celebrating cinema too.

In addition to the screening of films the festival will have 17 **Workshops** and **Seminars** on various aspects of Cinema this year. Film Makers would also be interacting with the audiences under a new theme **Master Strokes**.

South Indian Film Industry would be getting importance this year with several super stars and directors from the region attending the annual event this time.

A large number of film makers from other countries would also be attending the five day Festival.

**LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO RAMESH PRASAD**

This year’s **Life Time Achievement Award** would be presented to internationally acclaimed cine-visionary **Ramesh Prasad** hailed as creator of specialised post production facilities.

Born at Mumbai in 1930 he established **Prasad Film Laboratory** with advanced equipments.

The chairman of the committee that selected Mr. Prasad for Life Time Achievement Award was headed by noted Indian film director Shaji N. Karun, recipient of several national and international awards including the civil honour of Padma Shree.

**SOUTH INDIAN STARS IN THE OPENING CEREMONY**

The celebrity guests of honour to attend the opening ceremony of JIFF-2017 will include noted director Hariharan (former chairman of an Oscar Committee), Singeetam Srinivasa Rao (director of silent movie Pushpak) and brilliant actress Rachana, winner of national award twice.

Another Southern super star Ashok Selvan would also be present before the cine audience of the Festival.

Bollywood actress AartiChhabria of Shootout at Lokhandwala fame would also be attending the JIFF-2017.

**FILM MAKERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES**

**FILM DIRECTORS-**

Christina Kallas, **Robert Richards, Justyna Mytnik, Konstantina Kotzamani, Ahmed Boulane, Diana Frankovic,** Sada Rajiah, Katarzyna Plazinska,

Robert Popa from Romania

BRUNO OBINNA, VETERAN NIGERIAN ACTOR, ACTORS GUILD OF NIGERIA

Actor FILIP PAWEL KOSIOR from Poland

MILOŠ RADOVIĆ, FILM DIRECTOR, TRAIN DRIVER’S DIARY (DNEVNIK MAŠINOVOĐE), **SERBIA**

TOMASZ STANKIEWICZ , FILM DIRECTOR, BRAVE BUNCH, **POLAND**

MS. PHILIPPA MARY HANKINSON, PRODUCER, **BLOOD LINES, DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM,** SOUTH AFRICA

MR. PIOTR WACLAW CHRZAN, DIRECTOR, **KLEZMER, FEATURE FILM, POLAND**

MR. FILIP PAWEL KOSIOR, ACTOR, **KLEZMER, FEATURE FILM, POLAND**

MICHAŁ MODLINGER, FILM CINEMATOGRAPHER, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I LOVE YOU, **POLAND**

MR. THOMAS LUECHINGER, FILMMAKER/PRODUCER, **BEING THERE, OCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM, SWITZERLAND**

MR. ANSGAR AHLERS, DIRECTOR OF THE FILM BACH IN BRAZIL

MR. JUSTIN LAMIE CONNOR, THE GOLDEN AGE, **THE GOLDEN AGE, FEATURE FILM, USA**

MR. ALAN MC LANE ALEJOS, FILM MAKER, **MEXICO**

MR. ALI ASHOORI, FILM DISTRIBUTOR- BEYOND THE END (SHORT FILM), IRAN

MR. ARSHA AGHDASI, FILM DIRECTOR AND WRITER- JAMSHID ARIA (SHORT FILM)

IRAN

DANIELLE FERRAZ, EXECUTIVE PRODUCERR FOR FILM APACHETA, **BRASIL**

MR. SADAM WAHIDI, DIRECTOR, MARY MOTHER-SHORT FILM, **AFGHANISTAN**

**A total of 250 film makers, artistes and others connected with the cine industry would be attending the Festival.**

**OPENING & CLOSING FILMS:**

The opening films of the Festival will be **Sila Samayangalil** and **Dana Dana** and the closing films would be **Survivor** and **Neruda**.

**OPENING FILMS:**

The first opening film **SILA SAMAYANGALIL (SOMETIMES)** from Indiahas been directed by acedirectorPriyadarshanand Noted actor Prakash Raj and South India’s emerging new superstar Ashok Selvan are in the lead role.

Ashok Selvan will be attending the JIFF 2017 and meet the audience.

**SILA SAMAYANGALIL**, a 101 minutes Tamil film, is a story of **seven** strangers who spend a day at a lab in South India, impatiently waiting for their AIDS test results. They reluctantly share how they fear they may have contracted the disease and band together to sneakily obtain their results sooner.

The film has been nominated in main competition category and also for special Green Rose Award (for global message).

**The film will be screened on Tivoli screen of the Golecha Cinema at 6:00PM in the evening on January 7, 2017.**

The second opening film **Dana Dana (Pearl Pearl)** is an Iraqi film directed by Mutana Al-Rubaye. Made in English and Arabian the 52 minutes film boasts of having casts from 25 countries. In the lead roles are Houda Echouafni, Mutana Al-Rubaye, Lily Philips, Geoff Cotton, Abbas Noori, Wayne Gidden and Kerry Owen.

The story revolves around an Iraqi musician who receives death threats and is forced to leave his country and the love of his life, his destiny turns around and he is forced to choose between a big break in his musical career and his refugee status.

**Film will be screened on Nile screen of the Golecha Cinema at 6:00PM evening on January 7, 2017.**

**CLOSING FILMS:**

The first closing film **Survivor** is a 87 minute long Chinese crime thriller and action drama directed by Linzi Zhang . XUAN Yan is in the lead roles.

The film tells the story of Yan, hospitalized after a car accident. From an old scar on his shoulder, doctors recognized him as the survivor of a well-known conjoined twin separation surgery that took place at the same hospital years ago. As Yan was being treated for his injuries, a series of terrifying incidents happened at the hospital, causing hospital-wide panic. GaoHai, the administrator of the hospital, accused Yan as the person behind the incidents, because a piece of evidence was left behind at the scenes - evidence tracing back to Yan’s separation operation.

**The film will be screened on Tivoli screen of the Golecha Cinema at 6:30PM evening of January 11, 2017.**

The second closing film will be **Neruda** from Chile, a 107 minute feature in Spanish and French, directed by Pablo Larrain. The casts are Gael García Bernal, Luis Gnecco, Alfredo Castro, Pablo Derqui, Mercedes Morán, Emilio Gutiérrez Caba and Héctor Noguera.

The story focuses on the political persecution the poet and Communist Senator [Pablo Neruda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_Neruda) and the manhunt for his arrest.

The film has been nominated in Golden Camel and other competitive categories. The film is a Chilean entry to Oscar.

**The film will be screened on Nile screen of the Golecha Cinema at 6:30PM in the evening of January 11, 2017.**

The film had debut screening at Cannes in May this year. It has also been screened in film festivals like Toronto, New York, Zurich and San Sebastian.

**THE INTERNATIONAL FILM INDUSTRY IS LOOKING AT THE TWO CO-PRODUCTION MEET**

Film producers and directors meet and interact with each other to discuss their next ventures and explore the possibilities of co-production sharing costs. JIFF co-production meets have been emerging as a successful forum for them. More than 250 delegates are arriving at Jaipur to participate in the co-production meet this time.

This year two scripts have been selected for these meets. One is **Fault Lines** of IRENE ZOE ALAMEDA from America and Spain. The dream casts of the proposed feature film are

SPANISH STAR - Ruben Cortada, TEENAGE IDOL IN THE USA - Maddie Ziegler

BOLLYWOOD AND HOLLYWOOD STAR - Irrfan Khan, SPANISH STAR - Ariadna Gil. The budget of the film has been estimated to be around Rs.28 Crores.

Another script **Eucalyptus You** is in Bengali from India.

The first co-production meet will be held at Manipal University on January 9 at 6.00PM while the second meet will be held at Golcha Cinema on January 10 at 4.00PM.

These meets have aroused international interest. India could get Marc Baschet as co-producer for film **Lunch Box** in JIFF’s meet. Scores of film makers arrives at Jaipur for these meets during the Festival giving a fillip to tourism and also promoting location shootings in the colourful State.

More than 33 **Youth Ambassadors** have been involved in the promotion efforts to attract young film lovers to the Festival.

 **JIFF-2017 HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO FILM LOVERS THIS YEAR.**

Separate film shows have been arranged for children during morning hours from 9.00Am to 11.00AM from January 9 to 11 at Golcha CInema.

Except these morning shows for children all other screenings would be for above 18 years of age viewers.

Registration of delegates is open at the JIFF website. Registration can also be made at the venue of Golcha Cinema.

Attached are the lists of films to be screened at the festival and programme of discussions.

**PLEASE FIND THE ATTACHED HINDI AND ENGLISH PRESS RELEASE, FESTIVAL SCHEDULE WITH SOME PHOTOGRAPHS.**

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