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**OSCAR-winning filmmakers will select films for awards for JIFF Indian Panorama**

**Experts from all areas of filmmaking to represent the Jury**

**Padma Shri Shaji N Karun will be the Jury Chairperson of JIFF Indian Panorama**

**Films screenings to continue from 6th to 10th January, Films will receive Awards in 12 categories**

Jaipur | Jaipur International Film Festival is going to have many new colors to its palette this time. Here, one would certainly be the 12 selected full-length films [in different Indian languages] for JIFF Indian Panorama, which would be screened during the festival for the first time. It would be great to know that awards for these films are going to be selected by a jury including OSCAR-winning filmmakers, technical experts, renowned Indian film script writers and film directors, and cinematographers. “This is for the first time, when 12 films made during the COVID phase and post that are selected for JIFF Indian Panorama separately”, tells Festival founder -director Hanu Roj.

**Noted five filmmakers to choose awards for 12 films**

The prestigious jury includes Jim Rygiel, who has won 3 Academy Awards [Oscars] and 3 BAFTAs for Best Visual Effects for the very popular film *THE LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY*.  Stephen Castor from Hollywood is on the Jury, who has partnered in business with Jim Rygiel, three-time Oscar winner for Best Visual Effects for THE LORD OF THE RINGS *TRILOGY*. Marc Baschet is a big producer and cinematographer, known for *No Man's Land* [2001, Oscar-winning film], *Before the Rain* [1994] and *The Adopted Son* [1998] is also a Jury member, who has participated in JIFF twice. The jury has two big names from the Indian Film Industry as well including veteran screenplay writer and teacher Anjum Rajabali. He has written films like *Drohkaal*[1994], *Ghulam* [1998], *The Legend of Bhagat Singh* [2002], Toofan (2021), Satyagraha (2013), Chakravyuh (2012), Aarakshan (2011), Raajneeti (2010), Apaharan (2005). He’s known for advocating for the rights of Indian scriptwriters.

Shaji N Karun is an Indian film director and cinematographer, who would be the Chairperson of this jury. His debut film *Piravi*[1988] won the Caméra d'Or – Mention d'honneur at the 1989 Cannes Film Festival.

**These 12 Indian full-length films are to be screened for all**

The selected films include the Malayalam film *The One* and *The Many within* by Chidambara Palaniappan L, the Bengali film #*Homecoming* by Soumyajit Majumdar, the Tamil film *Visithiran*by M Padmakumar, the Tamil film *Gargi* by Gautham Ramachandran, Marathi film *Taath Kana* by Girish Mohite, Tamil, Telugu film *Shadow of the Night* by Radhakrishnan Parthiban, Malayalam film *Nest of Sorrows* by Joshy Mathew, Tamil film *Maamanithan [The Great Man]* by Seenu Ramasamy, Tamil film *Mugizh*by Kartick Swaminathan, Malayalam film Avanovilona By Sherry and Deepesh T

 and Assamese film *Bokul Phulor Dore* by Sanjeev Hazarika*. A film will be announced.*

All these films would be screened during the festival, from 6th to 10th January 2023. Prior to the screenings, JIFF is going to conduct the TORCH CAMPAIGN in 12 cities, with the motto to promote the films worldwide. Trailers of these films will be shown during the Torch Campaign so that people could be aware of these films.

**12 Awards for 12 Films**

“One film may receive more than one award and one film may not get any award, as each film needs to fulfill the parameters decided by Jury”, informs festival spokesperson Rajendra Boda.

**The awards categories include -**

BEST DIRECTOR

GREEN ROSE FOR A FILM THAT GIVES A GLOBAL MESSAGE

BEST DEBUTANTE DIRECTOR (DIRECTOR FIRST FILM) Welcome Regards Award

BEST ACTRESS AWARD

BEST ACTOR AWARD

BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY AWARD

BEST SOUND AND EDITING AWARD

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

BEST MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING

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