



PRESS RELEASE

Star Studded Affair on Opening Night of the Singapore International Film Festival

4 December 2014, SINGAPORE – The Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) opened with stars including world-renowned auteur John Woo, actresses Zhang Ziyi and Juliette Binoche and actor Tong Dawei walking the red carpet.

John Woo and Zhang Ziyi are in Singapore for Woo's latest film, *The Crossing*, an epic love story spanning half a century of modern Chinese history. Woo, who has been making movies for over 40 years including *A Better Tomorrow* and *The Killer* in the 1980s, as well as a series of box office hits such as *Broken Arrow*, *Face/Off*, and *Mission: Impossible II*, will also be conducting a master class for the public on 5 December 2014.

Binoche will attend the Singaporean premiere of Olivier Assayas' *Clouds of Sils Maria (Sils Maria)*, screened in conjunction with 4th Rendezvous with French Cinema. Tickets for the film have already been sold out.

Ken Kwek, director of *Unlucky Plaza* (Opening Film), also walked the red carpet with his cast including Epy Quizon, Guo Liang, Adrian Pang, Judee Tan and Shane Mardjuki.

Yuni Hadi, Executive Director of SGIFF said: "The next 10 days will be filled with nearly 150 screenings of films from 50 countries across 11 sections. We will play host to more than 100 visiting guests from the Asia region and abroad, and this include highly acclaimed directors, actors, actresses, as well as new and upcoming emerging talent from the Southeast Asia region."

She added: "Above all, the next 10 days will also see the exchange of meaningful conversations among filmmakers. Because SGIFF is not just an avenue of entertainment to filmgoers but more importantly, it provokes thought, stirs emotions, and makes one think outside the frame.

For more details, please visit the SGIFF website at www.sgiff.com.



SGIFF, which kicked off today until 14, focuses on groundbreaking Asian cinema and discovering new film talents from Southeast Asia. SGIFF is known for its dynamic film programming and commitment to the development of a vibrant local film culture.

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Screening Venues:

The festival will take place at multiple screening venues including Marina Bay Sands, Shaw Theatres Lido, National Museum of Singapore, The Projector (formerly Golden Theatre) and The Arts House.

Ticketing Information:

Tickets for SGIFF go on sale from 29 October 2014 at all Sistic outlets, Website: www.sistic.com.sg and Hotline: +65 6348 5555.

- Opening / Closing Films \$25
- Special Presentation Films \$15
- All Other Films \$12

** Ticket prices exclude Sistic booking fee*

Discounts & Concessions:

- Students, Senior Citizens and NSF - \$1 discount for Opening / Closing Films and \$0.50 discount for other films.
- General Public - every booking of 10 tickets or more in a single receipt is entitled to a 10% discount.

About the Singapore International Film Festival (4 to 14 December 2014)

The Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) is the largest and longest-running film event in Singapore. Founded in 1987, the festival has become an iconic event in the Singapore arts calendar that is widely attended by international film critics, and recognized worldwide for its focus on Asian filmmakers and the promotion of Southeast Asian films. The SGIFF is committed to nurturing and championing local and regional talents in the art of filmmaking. The festival serves as a catalyst in igniting public interest in the arts, and encouraging artistic dialogue and cultural exchanges. The SGIFF is organized by the Singapore International Film Festival Ltd, a non-profit organization and holds the Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status. For more information, please visit www.sgiff.com.



About the Singapore Media Festival

The Singapore Media Festival is set to become one of Asia's leading international media events, where the industry meets to discover the latest trends, talent and content in Asia for Film and TV. It brings together four complementary events - Asia TV Forum & Market (ATF) and ScreenSingapore (SS), Asian Television Awards (ATA) and Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF), which will take place from 4 to 14 December 2014. The Singapore Media Festival is hosted by the Media Development Authority of Singapore, and organised by Reed Exhibitions, Contineo Media and SGIFF Ltd.

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