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On behalf of
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Government of Kerala



Cinema is a reflection of society's conscience Pinarayi Vijayan

"Cinema is a direct reflection of society, and the International Film Festival of Kerala has become a platform to spotlight social issues, oppression, and topics of relevance that might otherwise be overlooked," remarked the Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, as he inaugurated the 29th edition of IFFK at Nishagandhi Auditorium.

The Chief Minister highlighted the festival's pivotal role in fostering societal awareness and promoting meaningful discourse. He lauded IFFK as a cultural milestone, noting that the festival's Country Focus section exemplifies its commitment to showcasing narratives that challenge

societal norms and uplift voices from countries like Armenia.

Emphasising the festival's unique identity, he stated, "It is a matter of pride that IFFK has emerged as the best international film festival with a strong political essence. Beyond film screenings, it has evolved into a space for discussions on forward-thinking topics that break societal barriers and inspire progress."

The Chief Minister also commended the festival for offering young people a platform to explore and exhibit new trends and creative expressions. He noted the festival's transformative role as a hub for learning and cultural

exchange. Paying tribute to the legendary Hong Kong filmmaker Ann Hui, who was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the festival, he emphasised her influential contributions to shaping contemporary cinema. He praised her as a maestro whose work resonates deeply with global audience.

The Chief Minister also celebrated the illustrious career of Shabana Azmi, a stalwart of Indian cinema, who is being felicitated at the festival for completing five decades in the industry. "Shabana Azmi is not just an actor but also an activist who has made remarkable contributions to both cinema and society," he added. •



29th IFFK Sets Off in Grandeur

The 29th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala commenced with a grand inaugural ceremony at the Nishagandhi auditorium. The festival was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, who also presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to veteran filmmaker Ann Hui, celebrating her illustrious contributions to world cinema. The ceremony saw Minister for Culture Saji Cherian presiding, while acclaimed actress Shabana Azmi was honoured for completing 50 remarkable years in the Indian film industry.

KSCA Secretary C Ajoy delivered

the welcome speech, and Chairman Prem Kumar gave the introductory speech. The Festival Handbook was released by Minister for Food and Civil Supplies G.R Anil by handing over to V.K Prasanth MLA. District Panchayat President Adv. D. Suresh Kumar released the Festival Bulletin, which was received by Festival Curator Golda Sellam, who also introduced the various packages featured at the 29th IFFK.

The festival edition of the Chalachitra Academy magazine, Chalachitra Sameeksha, was launched by KSFDC Chairman Shaji N Karun, who presented it to Ann Hui. 'Ekanthadeephikal', the book



'Ente Keralam' dance programme by Kerala Kalamandalam



on Shaji N Karun's cinema written by S Jayachandran and published by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, was released by Jury Chairperson Agnès Godard, who handed it over to Dr. Divya S.Iyer IAS, Director of the Department of Culture. Kerala Cultural Activists Welfare Fund Board Chairman Madhupal and Kerala Film Chamber President B.R Jacob were present on the occasion. KSCA General Council Member Cuckoo Parameswaran delivered the vote of thanks. *I'm Still Here* directed by Walter Salles was screened as the opening film after the opening ceremony. •



Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan presenting memento to Chief Guest Shabana Azmi



Minister G.R Anil releasing the Festival Handbook to V.K Prasanth MLA



Adv. D. Sureshkumar releasing the Festival Bulletin by handing over the first copy to Golda Sellam

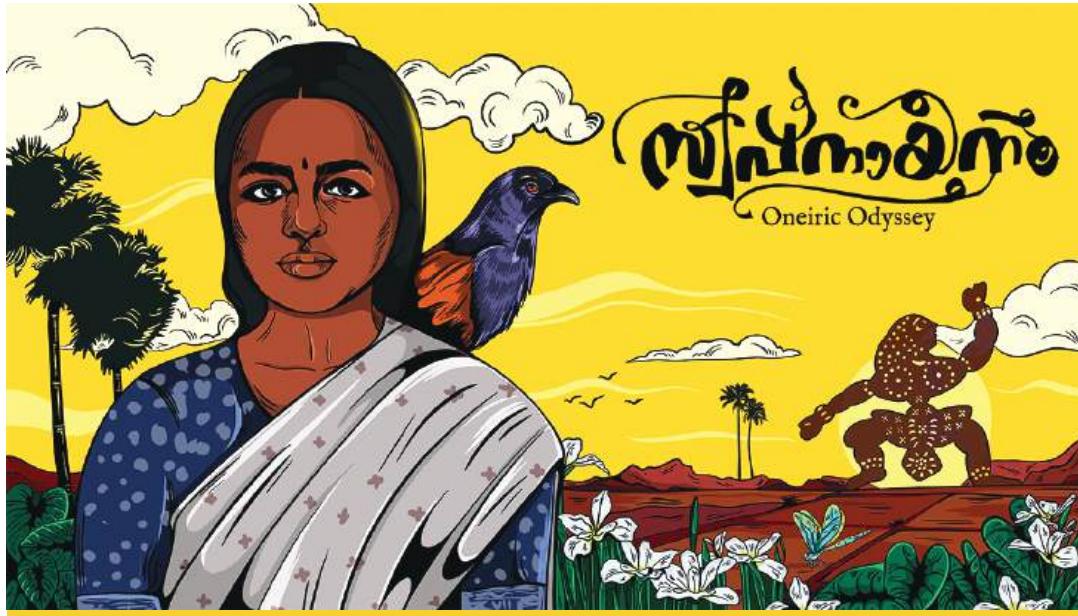


Shaji N. Karun releasing the festival issue of 'Chalachitra Sameeksha' Magazine to Ann Hui



Agnès Godard releasing the book 'Ekanthadeepthikal' to Dr. Divya S. Iyer IAS





പി.കെ റോസിയുടെ സ്മരണയുമായി സിഗ്രേച്ചർ ഫിലിം 'സ്വീപ്പനായനം'

ഒരു സിനിമയുടെ ആദ്യ നായിക പി.കെ. റോസിയുടെ ദീപ്തിസ്വരം സിനിമയുടെ കേരള രാജ്യത്വം ചലച്ചിത്രമേളയുടെ സിഗ്രേച്ചർ ഫിലിം. മലയാള സിനിമാ ചരിത്രത്തെ പി.കെ. റോസിയുടെ ചീരപാരമ്പര്യത്തിലൂടെയും തൊഴിലാളി വർഷത്തിന്റെ കാഠകൾ നിറഞ്ഞ പോരാട്ടങ്ങളിലൂടെയും അടയാളപ്പെടുത്തുകയാണ് 'സ്വീപ്പനായനം'. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തെ കാപിറ്റോൾ തിയേറ്ററിൽ നടക്കാൻ പോകുന്ന 'വിഗതകമാര' എന്ന് ആദ്യപ്രാർഥനയെത്തക്കാണിച്ചുള്ള ചരിത്രപ്രധാനമായ വിളംബരത്തിൽ ആരംഭിക്കുന്ന 'സ്വീപ്പനായനം', ഒരു നഗരത്തിന്റെ വളർച്ചയെയും പുതിയ തിയേറ്ററകളുടെ ഉത്തരവെത്തെയും ദ്രുവത്കരിക്കുന്നു. മലയാള സിനിമയുടെ ഉറവിടത്തിൽ നിന്നും പാറിന്ന ചക്രക്കൂർ പിന്നീട് നൃകാപിറ്റോൾ തിയേറ്ററിലേക്ക് എത്തുപോൾ അവിടെ പ്രേക്ഷകർക്കിടയിൽ മലയാള സിനിമയുടെ ആദ്യ നായിക പി.കെ റോസിയുമാണ്. കാപിറ്റോൾ തിയേറ്ററിൽ വിഗതകമാരങ്ങു ആദ്യ പ്രാർഥനയെത്താടു നാട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടാണ് വന്ന റോസി, നൃകാപിറ്റോൾ തിയേറ്ററിൽ അഭിമാനത്താടു നിന്നും കാണാനോളം പുതിയ കാലത്ത് ആ നഷ്ടനായികയ്ക്കു ലഭിക്കുന്ന ആദ്യരം കൂടിയാണ്.

എക്കരവും സാംസ്കാരിക വൈവിധ്യവും സിനിമയുടെ കത്തത്തും സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഐ.എഫ്.എഫ്.കെ. മുദ്രയായ ലക്കാലക്ഷ്യങ്ങളുടെ പ്രകാശനത്തിലാണ് 'സ്വീപ്പനായനം' അവസാനിക്കുന്നത്. ലക്കാലക്ഷ്യിയെ സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിന് ചുക്കാൻ പിന്നെന്നതാകട്ടെ പി.കെ റോസിയും. മലയാള സിനിമയുടെ അഭിമാനമായി പി.കെ റോസിയെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് 'സ്വീപ്പനായനം' അവസാനിക്കുന്നത്. 20 ദിവസം കൊണ്ട് പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ സിഗ്രേച്ചർ ഫിലിമിന്റെ പ്രധാന ഭാഗങ്ങൾ ചിത്രീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് തിരുവനന്തപുരം നഗരത്തിലാണ്. മലയാള സിനിമയുടെ ജനസ്വാദമായ നഗരത്തിന്റെ പതിറ്റാണ്ണകൾ നിംബ വളർച്ചയും ആനിമേഷനിലൂടെ സംവിധായകൾ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ഒരു മിനിറ്റോളം തെവർല്ലൂപ്പുള്ള സിഗ്രേച്ചർ ഫിലിമിന്റെ സംവിധാനം, രചന, തിരക്കച്ച, ചരായാഗ്രഹണം തുടങ്ങിയവ നിർവ്വഹിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത് മുഖ്യമായിരുന്നു. ചരായാഗ്രഹകന്നായി ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്ന മലയാളി കെ.എ അവിലാബാം. കെ.ആർ നാരായാൺ നാഷണൽ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്യൂട്ട് ഓഫ് വിഷ്യൽ സയൻസ് ആൻഡ് ആർട്ടിസിലും പുതണ ഫിലിം ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്യൂട്ടിലും അവിലിന്റെ സഹപാർക്കുന്നതുടെ സംഘമാണ് ചിത്രത്തിന്റെ നിർമ്മാണത്തിൽ സഹകരിച്ചത്. ചിത്രത്തിൽ പി.കെ റോസിയായി അഭിനയിച്ചത് അഭിരാമി ബോസാണ്. •

9.00 AM – Sree Theatre
Shabana Retro Opening
Shabana Azmi, M.A Baby

11.00 AM – Tagore Theatre Premises
CINEMA ALCHEMY: A Digital Art Exhibition. Inauguration : Ann Hui

11.00 AM – Tagore Theatre Premises
Meet the Director

2.30 PM – Nila Theatre
Nandini Ramnath IN CONVERSATION with Agnès Godard

5:00 PM – Tagore Theatre Premises
(Chelavoor Venu-Gandhimathi Balan Pavilion)
Open Forum : Inaugural Session
Inauguration: Agnes Godard
Participants: T.V Chandran, Prem Kumar, C Ajov
Moderator – Nisam Asaf

6.00 PM – Nila theatre
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Participants: T. V Chandran, Kamal, Sibi Malayil, K Jayakumar IAS

ഹോമേജിൽ പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്യുന്ന കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ചലച്ചിത്ര അക്കാദമി പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ച പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ

ദ്രുമോഹനം

സാഹിത്യകൾ മോഹന്റെ ചലച്ചിത്രകല എഡിറ്റർ: പ്രാജീപ് നായർ

സുക്തതസ്തി

ഹരീകമാൻരംഗ് ചലച്ചിത്രജീവിതം എഡിറ്റർ: പി.എം ബിനകമാർ

ബാർമ്മപൂര്വ്

കവിയും പ്രമാനമയുടെ ചലച്ചിത്രജീവിതം എഡിറ്റർ: ഭാഗുലക്ഷ്മി

ചരിത്രനായിക

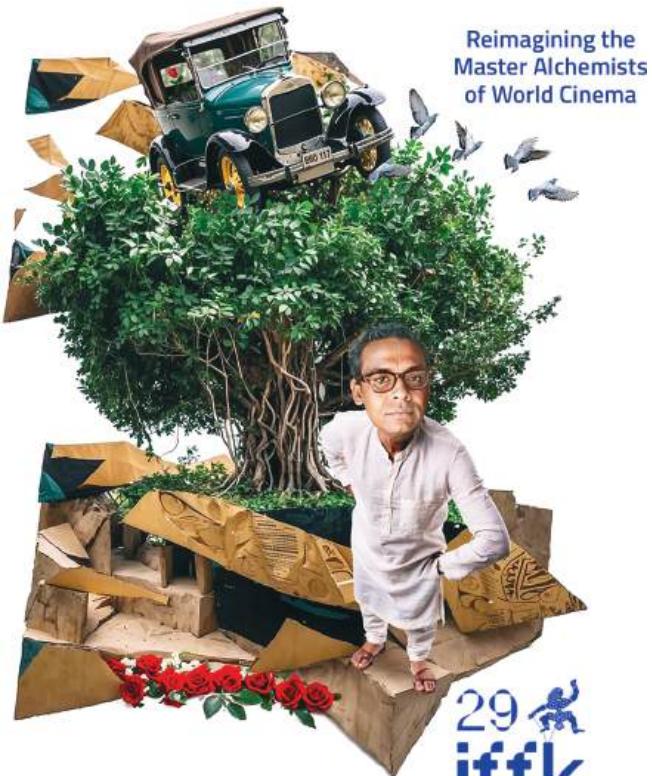
സൗജ്യാനിംഗ്കര കോമലതാരിൻ്റെ ചലച്ചിത്രജീവിതം എഡിറ്റർ - ഡോ.രഹീ ജി, ഡോ. അനിൽകുമാർ കെ.എസ്

സിനിമയുടെ സഹായത്രികൾ

ചെലാപുരി വേണാവിന്റെ ചലച്ചിത്രജീവിതം എഡിറ്റർ: ഒ.പി സുരേഷ്



KAIRALA!	In Search of the Light /ନୀତି ପଦ୍ଧତି	M C T	Elbow /Ellbogen	I C	Me, Maryam, the Children and 26 others /ମାନ୍ୟମାର୍ଯ୍ୟାମ, ବଚେହେ ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟୋହୀ	C	Angammal	I C	Flight 404	W C	Tale of Cinema	W C	Xoftex	W C	Mooladhanam /ମୁଳଧନମ	C		
	India/91/2024	/86/2024/	Germany,Turkey,France	India/11/2024	Man,Maryam,Bachehava 26 Nafare Digar	Dir: Vipin Radhakrishnan	Dir: Hani Khalifa	Egypt/103/2024/	South Korea /89/2005	Dir: Hong Sang-soo	Dir: Astrid Rondero, Fernanda Valadez	Dir: Noaz Deshe	Dir: Noaz Deshe	Dir: Astrid Rondero, Fernanda Valadez	Dir: Noaz Deshe	India/160/1969	Dir: P Bhaskaran	
SREE	Dir: Rinoshun K	E W	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Dir: Aslı Özarsan	I C	In the Land of Brothers	W C	Schikos: In Lies We Trust	K S	Kill the Jockey	W C	Shambhalia	W C	Labyrinth /ଲାବିରିନ୍ସ	F F	Armenia,Czechia, France /90/1996	C
	India/122/1974	Iran,France,The Netherlands /95/2024	Dir: Shyam Benegal	E W	Dir: Raha Amirfazli, Alireza Ghasemi	I X	Dir: Isshan Shukla	I X	Dir: Luis Ortega	I X	Dir: Ann Hui	I X	Dir: Emiliano Serra	I A	Correspondent /କୌରସପଣ୍ଡ	I L	Portugal/12/27/2024	W
ARIESPLEX - 4	Ankur/Aankur: The Seedling	C S	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Dir: Nora Martirosyan	E W	Should the Wind Drop /ଶୀଳ ବନ୍ଦ ଥିଲେ	F G	Nandini Ramnath IN CONVERSATION with Agnès Godard	I N	The Dog Thief /ଦୁଇରଣ୍ଡ ଦରିପର୍ରୋ	W C	Rachana	H O	The Looking Glass	W C	Marco, The Invented Truth /ମାର୍କୋ, ଲା ବ୍ୟାଦି ଉଚ୍ଚିତା	C
	Armenia,Bulgaria, France/100/2020	Dir: Yoko Yamamoto	E W	Dir: Marisa Martirosyan	I X	Dir: Bharat Singh Parhar	I X	Dir: V.C.Abbilash	I X	Dir: Vinko Tomičić	I X	Dir: Nabil Ayouch	I X	Dir: Min Bahadur Bham	I X	Dir: Ann Hui	I A	India/10/2024
ARIESPLEX - 6	MEV - 1	W C	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Dir: Marisa Martirosyan	E W	Desert of Namibia	F G	A Pan Indian Story	I C	Toxic /ଆକିପୀଶା	W C	Betania /ବେତାନିଆ	H O	Norah	W C	The Girl with the Needle /ପିଗେନ ମେଡନ୍ଲେନ୍	C
	Argentina,Spain /100/2024	Dir: Indu Lakshmi	E W	Dir: Mariana Wainstein	I X	Dir: Victoria	I C	Dir: Bharat Singh Parhar	I X	Dir: Sivaranjini J	I X	Dir: V.C.Abbilash	I X	Dir: Vinko Tomičić	I X	Dir: Ann Hui	I A	Denmark, Poland, Sweden/115/2024
ARIESPLEX - 2	MEV - 2	W C	9:00 AM	11:45 AM	Dir: Marisa Martirosyan	E W	Sheep Barn /ବୀଦ୍ୟା ଧାସାନ	M C	I Am Nevenka	I C	An Oscillating Shadow /ଜୀବନ ଓଷିଳିତା	W C	Zafari	W C	Kishkindha Kaardam /କିଷକିନ୍ଦା କାର୍ଦାମ	C	Marco, The Invented Truth /ମାର୍କୋ, ଲା ବ୍ୟାଦି ଉଚ୍ଚିତା	C
	Argentina,Spain /100/2024	Dir: Indu Lakshmi	E W	Dir: Mariana Wainstein	I X	Dir: Victoria	I C	Dir: Bharat Singh Parhar	I X	Dir: Sivaranjini J	I X	Dir: V.C.Abbilash	I X	Dir: Vinko Tomičić	I X	Dir: Ann Hui	I A	India/125/2024
ARIESPLEX - 1	MEV - 3	W C	9:00 AM	11:45 AM	Dir: Marisa Martirosyan	E W	The Hyperboreans /ଲୋହିପର୍ବୋରେସ୍	I C	I Am Nevenka	I C	Conversations /କୋନ୍ସେସନ୍ସ	W C	Anora	W C	Yasha and Leonid Brozhnev /ୟାଶା ଓ ଲୋନିଦ ବ୍ରୋଝନେବ	C	Marco, The Invented Truth /ମାର୍କୋ, ଲା ବ୍ୟାଦି ଉଚ୍ଚିତା	C
	India/72/2024	Dir: Indu Lakshmi	E W	Dir: Abhijit Mazumdar	I X	Dir: Cristobal León, Joaquín Cociña	I X	Dir: Sean Baker	I X	Dir: Abhijit Mazumdar	I X	Dir: Iclar Bollain	I X	Dir: Marianna Rondón	I X	Dir: Nader Saievar	I X	India/138/1965
ARIESPLEX - 1	MISHAGANDHI	W C	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	No Screening	I C	No Screening	I C	The Seed of the Sacred Fig /ଧାର୍ମିକ ଫିଗ୍	W V	Who Do I Belong To /ମେ କୋଣିରେ ଥିଲାମୁଁ	W C	Pierce	F V	The Teacher /ଶୈଖୀ	W C	Dust /ଏପିଲୋ	C
	Ireland,UK/105/2023	Dir: Rich Peppatt	E W	Dir: Maura Delpero	I X	Dir: Aaryan Chandra Prakash	I X	Dir: Konstantin Bojanov	I X	Dir: Sean Baker	I X	Dir: Corallie Fargeat	I X	Dir: Rusudan Gurjide	I X	Dir: Farah Nabulsi	I X	State of Palestine, Qatar,UK /18/2023
ARIESPLEX - 1	SREE PADAMMAHAA	W C	9:15 AM	11:45 AM	No Screening	I C	No Screening	I C	The Substance	K S	Who Do I Belong To /ମେ କୋଣିରେ ଥିଲାମୁଁ	W C	J F	Suje	Who Do I Belong To /ମେ କୋଣିରେ ଥିଲାମୁଁ	C	April	F
	India/124/2024	Dir: Rich Peppatt	E W	Dir: Maura Delpero	I X	Dir: Aaryan Chandra Prakash	I X	Dir: Konstantin Bojanov	I X	Dir: Sean Baker	I X	Dir: Corallie Fargeat	I X	Dir: Rusudan Gurjide	I X	Dir: Farah Nabulsi	I X	Georgia,Switzerland, Finland/Germany /13/2024



Kerala State Chalachitra Academy presents

CINEMA ALCHEMY

A DIGITAL ART TRIBUTE

a Razi Muhammed show
Curated by T K Rajeev Kumar

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Razi Muhammed



T K Rajeev Kumar



Inauguration

Ann Hui

11 am – Tagore
Theatre Premises

Reimagining the
Master Alchemists of World Cinema

Cinema Alchemy

Digital Art Exhibition to Honour Global Filmmakers

Renowned Hong Kong filmmaker Ann Hui, this year's recipient of the prestigious IFFK Lifetime Achievement Award, will inaugurate 'Cinema Alchemy: A Digital Art Tribute' at the Tagore Theatre today. Curated by celebrated filmmaker T.K. Rajeev Kumar, the exhibition is a profound homage to 50 iconic directors from across the globe, reimagining their cinematic legacies through the medium of digital art.

Artist and filmmaker Razi Muhammad brings this ambitious vision to life with a series of evocative digital paintings, each capturing the unique essence and artistic philosophies of legendary auteurs such as Akira Kurosawa, Alfred Hitchcock, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, G. Aravindan, K.G. George, Agnès Varda, Márta Mészáros, Mira Nair, and many others. The exhibition transcends conventional retrospectives, exploring both the surreal and hyperreal dimensions of cinema while emphasizing its role as a tool for social and political awakening.

Razi Muhammad is a multidisciplinary artist, whose critically acclaimed film *Velutha Rathrikal*, inspired by Dostoevsky's work, earned the Kerala State Film Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2015. His artistic creations have been showcased in prominent national and international exhibitions, cementing his reputation as a visionary in visual storytelling.

Curator T.K. Rajeev Kumar, a two-time National Award winner and recipient of five Kerala State Film Awards, brings a wealth of experience to this project. With an impressive oeuvre of 26 feature films and 14 documentaries, he has also made significant contributions to theatre and large-scale cultural events.

'Cinema Alchemy' promises to be a rich, immersive experience for cinephiles and art enthusiasts alike. The exhibition, which is open to the public, invites visitors to celebrate the artistry, vision, and enduring impact of some of the world's greatest filmmakers. •



Refracted Realities

Hong Sang-soo's Cinematic Brilliance

The 29th International Film Festival of Kerala celebrates the singular vision of Hong Sang-soo, one of contemporary cinema's most acclaimed and influential filmmakers, in the Contemporary Filmmaker in Focus section. Titled "Refracted Realities: The Existential Mindscapes of Hong Sang-soo," the programme features four remarkable works: *A Traveler's Needs* (2024), *By the Stream* (2024), *HaHaHa* (2010), and *Tale of Cinema* (2005). Renowned for his minimalistic storytelling and deeply introspective themes, Hong Sang-soo's films delve into the intricacies of human relationships, identities, and the blurred line between reality and fiction. His distinctive craft is marked by long takes, static shots, zooms, and naturalistic dialogue that often feel deceptively simple. Yet, beneath these stylistic choices lies a profound exploration of human behavior and emotional nuance, creating works that resonate universally. The selection at IFFK highlights his versatility and evolution as a filmmaker. *A Traveler's Needs*, a Berlin Silver Bear Grand Jury Prize winner, tells the story of a French woman who becomes a teacher to two Korean women after financial hardship. Through quiet tensions and tender interactions, the film portrays the complexities of human connection and survival. *By the Stream*, nominated for the Golden Leopard at Locarno, is an exploration of artistic renewal and familial ties. The story follows Jeonim, an art instructor, as she seeks her blacklisted uncle Sieon to direct a play for her university, while interpersonal dynamics evolve into layered emotional conflicts. His earlier works remain equally compelling. *HaHaHa*, a lighthearted yet reflective tale, humorously captures overlapping memories of two friends at the same seaside town, winning the Un Certain Regard award at Cannes. *Tale of Cinema* intertwines reality and fiction in a poignant narrative of obsession, despair, and self-discovery. This curated selection at IFFK is a window into Hong's profound cinematic world, offering audiences a chance to experience his unique ability to transform ordinary moments into extraordinary reflections on life. •

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