**With the support of Government of Tamil Nadu**

**Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation**

**in association with PVR INOX presents**

**21st CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

Dates of the Festival: **14th December 2023 to 21st December 2023**

Venues: PVR INOX Cinemas (formerly Sathyam Cinemas – Santham, Seasons, Six Degrees, Serene screens) & Anna Cinemas

Inaugural Function: PVR INOX Cinemas – Sathyam screen (Dec 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm)

Closing Function: PVR INOX Cinemas – Sathyam screen (Dec 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm)

**For Tamil films competition category**, ICAF informed through Press, our website and our social media about the submission process and the last date for receipt of entries was fixed as 7th November 2023. 12 films selected by the Preview Committee will be announced at the Press Meet on 30th November 2023. ***This year also we will be giving 9 awards.***

This year, we are introducing Competition for World Cinema category for the 1st time inviting entries through FilmFreeway. The response was encouraging. We have selected 12 films under this category and the list of selected films will also be announced at the Press Meet on 30th November 2023. We will be giving 2 awards and 1 special mention by way of certificates.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF 21st CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

Number of Countries: **57**

Number of Films: **126**

Guests: Diplomats from various Foreign Missions across India and Film Directors from all over the World

Opening Film: **ANATOMY OF A FALL by Justine Triet (Cannes Festival 2023, Palme d'Or winner) OR**

 **PERFECT DAYS by Wim Wenders (Cannes Festival 2023, Best Actor Award winner)**

Closing Film: **SWEET DREAMS by Zoete dromen (Netherlands’ entry to Oscars 2024)** **OR**

 **A BRIGHTER TOMORROW by Nanni Moretti (Cannes Festival 2023, Palme d'Or nominee)**

Other Award

Winning Films: **Oscar Nominations & Selections**

1. 2018: Everyone is a Hero (India)
2. The Teachers’ Lounge (Germany)
3. Perfect Days (Japan)
4. Do Not Expect Too Much from the End of the World (Romania)
5. Fallen Leaves (Finland)
6. Inshallah a Boy (Jordan)
7. Sweet Dreams (Netherlands)
8. Melody (Tajikistan)

**CANNES Film Festival – Winners**

1. Anatomy of a Fall by Justine Triet (**Palme d'Or winner)**
2. How to Have Sex by Molly Manning Walker (**Uncertain regard winner)**
3. A Brighter Tomorrow by Nanni Moretti
4. Club Zero by Jessica Hausner
5. Fallen Leaves by Aki Kaurismäki
6. Kidnapped by Marco Bellocchio
7. The Old Oak by Ken Loach
8. Perfect Days by Wim Wenders

**Berlin International Film Festival – Winners**

1. 20,000 Species of Bees by Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren (Best Leading Performance winner and Golden Berlin Bear nominee)
2. Afire by Christian Petzold (Silver Berlin Bear winner and Golden Berlin Bear nominee)
3. The Plough by Philippe Garrel (Silver Berlin Bear winner and Golden Berlin Bear nominee)

Films from popular film festivals like Busan International Film Festival, Fajr Film Festival, Venice Film Festival, San Sebastian International Film Festival and Locarno International Film Festival

Iranian Films: **8 films**

Country Focus - Korea: **5 films** (courtesy: Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chennai)

German Cinema: **2 films** (courtesy: Goethe-Institut, Chennai), including Afire – Berlinale

 Silver Bear winner

French Films: **3 films** (courtesy: Alliance Française of Madras)

Contemporary Cinema

from Hungary: **3 films** (courtesy: Liszt Institute – Hungarian Cultural Center, New Delhi)

Glimpses of Mexico: **3 films** (courtesy: Embassy of Mexico in India, New Delhi)

Retrospective of

Director Laís Bodanzky: **3 films** (courtesy: Embassy of Brazil in India, New Delhi)

Taiwanese Classics: **2 films** (courtesy: Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Chennai)

Australian Aboriginal Films: **2 films** (courtesy: Australian Consulate-General in Chennai)

**1 film each were given by Embassy of Portugal in India, New Delhi (Alma Viva); Finnish Film Foundation in Finland (Fallen Leaves); Russian House in Chennai (Nyurnberg) and 2 films from Farabi Cinema Foundation in Iran (Captain, Leather Jacket Man)**

Indian Panorama: **19 films (6 films courtesy of DFF, NFDC India) including the Oscars 2024**

 **nominated Indian movie ‘2018: Everyone is a Hero’**

Tamil Feature

Film Competition: **12 films**

Tribute: **Tribute to Hungarian actor, Péter Andorai**

Films on Environment: **Kanne Kalaimane (Tamil)**

 **Here Comes the Leopard (Kannada)**

**Short films by the students of Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Institute**

***FIRST TIME IN CIFF:***

**In World cinema section:**

*Movies from Vietnam, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Tajikistan, Panama, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Reunion, Uruguay, Macedonia, UAE and Tibet*

**MASTERCLASS:**

We are having 12 sessions conducted by eminent personalities from the film industry and literature organized by Avichi College.

**This year we will be taking student volunteers from DG Vaishnav College and Ethiraj College.**

**DELEGATE REGISTRATION**
Direct Registration at Anna Cinemas, #21, Anna Salai (Mount Road), Chennai. Daily from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm (from 1 Dec 2023)

Online Registration – [www.icaf.in](http://www.icaf.in) / [www.chennaifilmfest.com](http://www.chennaifilmfest.com) / <https://insider.in/21st-chennai-international-film-festival-dec14-2023/event>