FORTISSIMOFILMS@ AFM 2011

We are proud to present our AFM line-up – an eclectic selection of international films which have garnered awards and critical acclaim in their recent festival presentations. This includes the Taiwanese box office hit *WARRIORS OF THE RAINBOW: SEEDIQ BALE* which premiered in Venice and Toronto. The film has already made over US \$19.5 million at the local box office and has been selected as Taiwan's entry for the Academy Awards.

Other titles include Cannes' Un Certain Regard Best Director award-winner GOODBYE; ON THE EDGE which swept Taormina winning Best Film, Director and Actress prizes; and CORMAN'S WORLD: EXPLOITS OF A HOLLYWOOD REBEL featuring star-studded interviews.

Upcoming films include Kevin Macdonald's outstanding new documentary *MARLEY*, supernatural thriller *DJINN* from master of horror director Tobe Hooper and *WHAT MAISIE KNEW* starring Julianne Moore and Alexander Skarsgård.

As we conclude our 20th Anniversary celebrations this coming month with a special tribute at the Museum of Modern Art, we look forward to the future with these exciting new films from our current and upcoming slate.

MARKET SCREENING



WARRIORS OF THE RAINBOW: SEEDIQ BALE

BY WEI TE-SHENG PRODUCED BY JOHN WOO

Taiwan, 2011, 150', Seediq language & Japanese, Action Epic Cast: LIN Ching-Tai, Umin Boya, ANDO Masanobu, Vivian HSU



"48th GOLDEN HORSE AWARDS - 11 NOMINATIONS"

Set in 1930's Formosa - now Taiwan, WARRIORS OF THE RAINBOW tells the true story of the Wushe Incident in which aboriginal Seediq tribe warrior Mouna Rudo led his people to rebel against Japan then occupying the island. Rudo, assembling a Seediq force of 300 men and fighting with ancient guns, spears and minimal weaponry sought to reclaim their land, their dignity and their honor by taking on the incredible might of the Japanese army.



 Nov 03
 (Thu)
 1.00 pm
 AMC Santa Monica 3

 Nov 07
 (Mon)
 1.00 pm
 AMC Santa Monica 2



WETLANDS (MARÉCAGES)

Canada, 2011, 111', French, Drama

Cast: Pascale Bussières, Gabriel Maillé, Luc Picard, François Papineau, Angèle Coutu, Denise Dubois





Tragedy strikes a family in rural Canada struggling to keep their dairy farm from going under. The man of the family is killed in a freak accident leaving his wife as the sole provider and caregiver looking after their rebellious teenage son who is dealing with his emerging sexuality. The father's sudden death is not the first time this family suffers a loss. Now the bonds of family are being tested when the relationship between mother and son becomes strained as she seeks comfort in the arms of a stranger who arrives at the farm with questionable intent.

Screening:

Nov 06 (Sun) 9.00 am Laemmle Monica 2



TORMENTED BY TAKASHI SHIMIZU CINEMATOGRAPHY BY CHRISTOPHER DOYLE

MOSTRA INTERNAZIONALE D'ARTE CINEMATOGRAFICA la Biennale di Venezia 2011 Out of Competition



Japan, 2011, 83', Japanese, 3D Horror/Thriller Cast: Hikari Mitsushima, Teruyuki Kagawa, Takeru Shibuya

Director Takashi Shimizu's new film centers on a young boy whose family seems to be falling apart around him. The situation gets worse when he manifests a growing and dangerous friendship and reliance on a stuffed rabbit that comes to life. Is he crazy; is his sister alive or dead; is their illustrating father going insane or are they all delusional? Shimizu ventures once more into the terrifying corners of the mind.

Screening:

 Nov 02
 (Wed)
 1.00 pm
 AMC Santa Monica 7

 Nov 05
 (Sat)
 11.00 am
 AMC Santa Monica 3



GOODBYE

BY MOHAMMAD RASOULOF

Iran, 2011, 104', Farsi, Drama

Cast: Leyla Zare, Hassan Pourshirazi, Behname Tashakor,

Sima Tirandaz, Roya Teymorian





In the desperate situation in today's Iran, a young female lawyer whose professional license has been revoked is several months pregnant. She lives alone, while her journalist husband is obliged to live in hiding. Pursued by the authorities, almost a stranger in her own country, she decides to flee.

Screening:

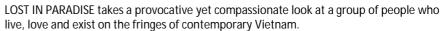
Nov 04 (Fri) 9.00 am Le Merigot 1



LOST IN PARADISE BY VU NGOC DANG

Vietnam, 2011, Vietnamese, Drama, Gay

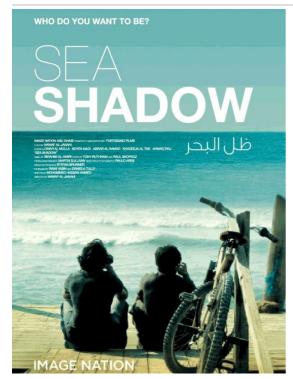
Cast: Luong Manh Hai, Ho Vinh Khoa, Hieu Hien, Phuong Thanh



Screening:

Nov 06 (Sun) 5.00 pm Le Merigot 1





SEA SHADOW BY NAWAF AL-JANAHI

UAE, 2011, Arabic, Coming of Age



SEA SHADOW follows a young Emirati boy and girl growing up in a small seaside village, who struggle with tradition and convention in their journey towards adulthood.

Screening:

 Nov 04
 (Fri)
 3.00 pm
 AMC Santa Monica 3

 Nov 05
 (Sat)
 9.00 am
 Fairmont 3



ISZTAMBUL BY FERENC TÖRÖK



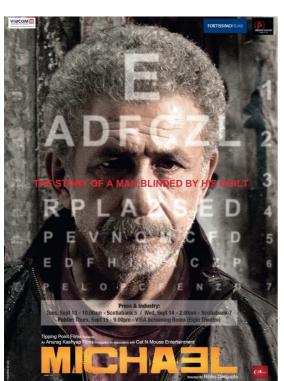
Hungary, 2011, Hungarian/English/Turkish, Drama **Cast:** Johanna ter Steege, Lukáts Andor, Yavuz Bingöl, Varga Norbert

55 year-old Katalin flees her dysfunctional marriage and family and finds herself in Istanbul where newfound love ensures her emotions are liberated and a return to her old life is not possible.

Screening:

 Nov 05
 (Sat)
 5.00 pm
 Le Merigot 1

 Nov 07
 (Mon)
 9.00 am
 Le Merigot 1



MICHAEL BY RIBHU DAS GUPTA



India, 2011, 98', Drama, Hindi

Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Mahie Gill, Purav Bhandare, Sabyasachi Chakraborty, Irawati Harshe Mayadev

Michael' is set in contemporary India (Kolkata) and is the story of a suspended cop by the same name. Through a series of complex events, the protagonist becomes a marked man and the story is about his paranoia and how the same takes a toll on him, his family and his environment of existence.

Screening:

 Nov 02
 (Wed)
 3.00 pm
 Criterion 3

 Nov 06
 (Sun)
 11.00 am
 Criterion 1



CORMAN'S WORLD: EXPLOITS OF A HOLLYWOOD REBEL

BY ALEX STAPLETON



SITGES 2011





USA, 2011, 95' English, Documentary

Featuring: Roger Corman, Robert De Niro, Jack Nicholson, Martin Scorsese, Ron Howard, Jonathan Demme, Bruce Dern, Quentin Tarantino, Paul W. S. Anderson, Peter Fonda, Todd McCarthy and many others

CORMAN'S WORLD: EXPLOITS OF A HOLLYWOOD REBEL tracks the triumphant rise of Hollywood's most prolific writer-director producer, the true "godfather" of independent filmmaking. While known for working fast and wallowing in the cult movie world of monsters, bad special effects, schlocky acting, and plentiful nudity, Corman is also a respected rebel of cinema. And he taught the next generation of film greats, including Scorsese, Demme, Coppola, Cameron, even Ron Howard. From Corman's first feature in 1955 to the set of his new film, DINOSHARK, this entertaining documentary has all the blood and guts of Corman's lurid and fascinating career, with essential insights from contemporaries and students. Learn the roots of indie filmmaking, laced with boobs, violence, guns and creatures!

Screening:

Nov 03 (Thu) 5.00 pm Criterion 6 Nov 07 (Mon) 11.00 am Le Merigot 1

UPCOMING TITLES



DJINN

BY TOBE HOOPER

UAE, Arabic/English, Supernatural Horror Thriller

Cast: Khalid Laith (THE DEVIL'S DOUBLE), Razane Jammal (CARLOS)

Status: Post Production



HOW TO TALK TO GIRLS AT PARTIES

BY JOHN CAMERON MITCHELL USA, English, Romance/Sci-Fi/Music

Status: In Development



MARLEY

BY KEVIN MACDONALD USA, English, Music/Documentary **Executive Producer: Ziggy Marley**

Status: Post Production



WHAT MAISIE KNEW

BY SCOTT MCGEHEE and DAVID SIEGEL

USA, English, Drama Comedy

Cast: Julianne Moore, Alexander Skarsgård, Steve Coogan, Onata Aprile

Status: In Production



WHITE FROG

BY OUFNTIN LFF

USA, English, Coming of Age/Drama

Cast: Joan Chen, BD Wong, Kelly Hu, Harry Shum Jr., Booboo Stewart

Status: Post Production

CURRENT TITLES



CAIRO 678

BY MOHAMED DIAB Egypt, 2010, 100', Arabic, Drama

Cast: Nelly Karim, Bushra, Maged El Kedwany

Best Actor (Maged El Kedwany) and Best Actress (Bushra), Dubai International Film Festival



ON THE EDGE (SUR LA PLANCHE)

BY LEÏLA KILANI

Morocco / France / Germany, 2011, 35mm, 106 min, Arabic, Drama Cast: Mouna Bahmad, Nouzha Akel, Sara Betioui, Soufia Issami

Official Selection: Directors' Fortnight - Cannes 2011; San Sebastian 2011



SILENT SONATA

BY JANEZ BURGER

Slovenia, 2010, 75', 35mm, Colour, Drama Leon Lučev, Rene Bazinet, Pauliina Räsänen, Ravil Sultanov

"SLOVENIA'S ENTRY FOR BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM FOR THE OSCARS"

Winner of 8 awards at the Slovenian Film Festival 2010, including Best Film and Best Director

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Screening:

Nov 05 (Sat) 3.00 pm

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