

FORTISSIMOFILMS

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

OUR FOUR FILMS IN OFFICIAL SELECTION@VENICE 2010



IN COMPETITION

NORWEGIAN WOOD

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY *HARUKI MURAKAMI*

Directed by **Tran Anh Hung**

Starring **Kenichi Matsuyama** (*DEATH NOTE; L: CHANGE THE WORLD; DETROIT METEL CITY; KAMUI*), **Rinko Kikuchi** (*BABEL; MAP OF THE SOUNDS OF TOKYO*) and **Kiko Mizuhara**



WORLD PREMIERE: Thursday 2nd September - evening

Synopsis: Published in 1987 and subsequently translated into 33 languages in 36 countries, *NORWEGIAN WOOD* is a story of loss and heartbreak in a time of global instability. Set in Tokyo, during the late 60s, at a time when students throughout the world were united in protest against the establishment, Watanabe is similarly uncertain as to how he should deal with his future and his relationships. At heart, he is deeply devoted to his first love, Naoko, a beautiful and introspective young woman. But their complex bond is forged by the tragic death of their best friend years before...



*****OUT OF COMPETITION*****

THE NEW *JOHN WOO/TERENCE CHANG* ACTION FILM

REIGN OF ASSASSINS

Directed by **Su Chao-Pin**

Co-directed by **John Woo**

Starring

Michelle Yeoh (*TOMORROW NEVER DIES; CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON*), **Jung Woo-sung** (*THE WARRIOR*), **Kelly Lin** (*AFTER THIS OUR EXILE*), **Barbie Hsu** (*SILK*), **Wang Xueqi** (*BODYGUARDS AND ASSASSINS*) and **Shawn Yue** (*INFERNAL AFFAIRS*)



WORLD PREMIERE: Friday 3rd September - evening

Synopsis: Produced by John Woo and Terence Chang, this 12 million dollar martial arts action thriller promises to be *FACE/OFF* meets *MR AND MRS SMITH*. Set in 428AD, the film stars Yeoh as a skilled assassin who falls in love with the son of a man who was killed by her gang. Unaware that he also is a trained martial artist, their love blossoms and then tensions rise as the past comes back to haunt them.



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*****GALA OUT OF COMPETITION*****

Vallanzasca

The true story of Italy's most notorious gangster

Produced by Twenty-First Century Fox Italy in Collaboration with Fox International Productions

Directed by Michele Placido

Starring Kim Rossi Stuart (ROMANZO CRIMINALE, Roberto Benigni's PINOCCHIO),
Paz Vega (SPANGLISH, SEX & LUCIA), Moriz Bleibtreu (RUN LOLA RUN)



WORLD PREMIERE: Monday 6th September - evening

Synopsis : Set in Italy in the 1970s, *VALLANZASCA* is the true story of the Italian underworld's most infamous outlaw. A criminal by the age of 9, Renato Vallanzasca would grow up to become the country's most notorious mobster before the age of 27. While Vallanzasca lived by his own professional code of honor – he claimed that he never 'shot anyone in the back' –he and his gang took out their enemies and wrested control of the Milan underworld with a string of high profile robberies, kidnappings and murders. In the process, he captivated a celebrity starved public and earned the nickname 'il bel Renè' –for his devilish charm and handsome face. Arrested multiple times, his daring escapes from prison enraged the government, angered his rivals and fed his legend.



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*****3D SPECIAL PRESENTATION*****

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE GRUDGE & THE GRUDGE 2
JAPAN'S FIRST 3D LIVE-ACTION FILM

THE SHOCK LABYRINTH: EXTREME

DIRECTED BY TAKASHI SHIMIZU



Friday 10th September - evening

Synopsis: THE SHOCK LABYRINTH:EXTREME follows a group of teenagers dealing with the disappearance of one of them, Yuki, at an amusement park's ghost house. On a rainy day 10 years later, Yuki inexplicably returns. However, no sooner is she united with her former friends than she collapses, and the group rushes Yuki to a nearby hospital. But after checking in, they discover that things are not quite as they seem at the medical center. As the night wears on, the group sinks deeper and deeper into the events from a decade ago that led to Yuki's disappearance.

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