



Indian Film Festival

**Bollywood
and Beyond**

Sydney



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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

17 August



ANGRY INDIAN GODDESSES

6:30 pm | Hindi | Key cast in attendance

Bride-to-be Freida and her gang of gal pals descend upon Goa for a weekend of celebration and merrymaking, with spectacularly chaotic results.



RAJKAHINI

7:30 pm | Bengali

Rituparna Sengupta & Srijit Mukherjee in attendance

National award-winning director Srijit Mukherjee's period drama centres on the partition of Bengal in 1947 in a visually aesthetic and complex political drama.

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CHAUTHI KOOT

7:00 pm | Punjabi | dir. Gurvinder Singh

When a farmer refuses to put down his dog, he sets off a small-scale drama, while Indira Gandhi's army and the Sikhs clash in the background.

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MASAAN

7:00 pm | Hindi | dir. Neeraj Ghaywan. Cast: Richa Chadda

Modern day Varanasi plays backdrop to converging love stories that challenge India's sexual and caste traditions, to dire consequence. Winner of the FIPRESCI prize at Cannes.



BEEBA BOYS

9:00 pm | English & Punjabi | dir. Deepa Mehta

Based on the true story of notorious crime lord 'Bindy' Singh Johal, *Beeba Boys* is a provocative and exciting thriller that immerses viewers into a dark and illicit world.

20 August



ALIGARH

3:00 pm | Hindi | dir. Hansal Mehta

Demonised by the media and shunned by his community, Dr. Shrinivas must fight to defend his most basic human rights. A nuanced and layered film that explores the victimization and rejection of the LGBT community in India.



BATO MUNIKO PHOOL 2

5:30 pm | Nepali | dir. Subarna Thapa



OTTAAL (The Trap)

7:30 pm | Malayalam | dir. Jayaraj Rajasekharan Nair

A young boy lives with his grandfather in the idyll of Kuttanad. The two play out a life idyll: fishing, playing, herding ducks: until the grandfather is stricken ill. Winner Crystal Bear at Berlin Film Festival.

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VISARANAI

2:00 pm | Tamil | dir. Vetrimaaran

A violent and lingering drama, *Visaranai* explores police brutality and corruption in modern day Tamil Nadu.



WAITING

4:30 pm | Hindi | dir. Anu Menon

Starring Naseeruddin Shah and Kalki Koechlin as the waiting partners of comatose patients, *Waiting* is a study of friendship and individual grief.



EKK ALBELA

6:00 pm | Marathi | dir. Shekhar Sattandel

A prolific actor and director in mid-20th century India, Bhagwan Dada left behind a legacy of physical comedy and entertaining. *Ekk Albela* pays tribute to the rags-to-riches tale of the director.

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