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Press Note

NFAI to host European Union Film Festival with 22 Award Winning European Movies



Pune, 02 June 2017: NFAI will be hosting the European Union Film Festival 2017 which brings to the city a selection of some of the finest and most riveting films from Europe during 11-17 June 2017.

The Festival premieres on 11th June, 2017 with a screening of the Estonian film Cherry Tobacco. In its 22nd edition this year, the European Union Film Festival features a bouquet of 22 latest and award winning European films from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. This year, the festival will screen movies from varied genres ranging from comedy to gripping family drama, romance and Adventure.

Organized by the **Delegation of the European Union, National Film Archive of India and Directorate of Film Festivals,** the festival will run till 17th June, 2017. The festival will be inaugurated by **H.E. Mr. Riho Kruuv,** Ambassador of Estonia to India on **11th June 2017** at **6.30 pm** at National Film Archives of India in the presence of **Shri Prakash Magdum,** Director, National Film Archive of India and two young film directors from **Estonia, Katrin Maimik and Andres Maimik**, whose film **Cherry Tobacco** is the opening film at the festival this year.

For the first time, NFAI, the Delegation of the European Union and the Directorate of Film Festivals will host a "Masterclass" in Pune on 12th June, 2017. Conducted by the Estonian film directors, Katrin Maimik and Andres Maimik, it will cover topics such as direction, screen writing, and international film making.

Speaking about the 22nd edition of the European Union Film festival in India, **H.E. Mr. Tomasz Kozlowski, Ambassador of the European Union,** said, "To connect across geographies and cultures with ordinary people in extraordinary situations, and to realise that in some way we are all one family has been the exhilarating effect of all great art, and film is no exception. This Film Festival endeavours to bring this experience to the Indian audiences through recent award winning European movies."

Prakash Magdum, Director of NFAI, said, "It is our constant endeavour to bring content from different parts of the world in tune with NFAI's objective of enriching film literacy. We are glad to host these movies from Europe once again at NFAI."

Entry for this festival is open to all, seating will be on first come first-serve.