

FAR EAST FILM FESTIVAL 20

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DANTE LAM: PURE ACTION!

In Udine on Wednesday the 25th of April,
the eagerly-awaited explosive International
Festival Premiere of **Operation Red Sea**.

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UDINE - If there's one colour that's never missing from the big screen of the **Far East Film Festival** - and which never will be - it's the fiery red of action movies. And wherever there's action, there's bound to be the wonderful **Dante Lam!** Dante's artistic vision is actually a complex and nuanced one, as the **FEFF** has repeatedly proven over the years (for example in the dramatic story of *Unbeatable* or the pitch black shadows of *That Demon Within*), but in 2018 it will once again blaze red. Ladies and gentlemen, for your delight: **Operation Red Sea!**

Dante's latest explosive effort is a Hong Kong/China superproduction (with the most blockbuster-like budget the director has so far had to play with!) and will be presented at **FEFF 20** as an *International Festival Premiere* on **Wednesday the 25th of April at 22.00** – and you don't need a crystal ball to predict it'll have the FEFF community in raptures. So what is **Operation Red Sea** about? It's about the **Jiaolong assault team**, the Chinese army's finest, and the extremely high-risk missions (which are practically mission: impossibles) they're called on to undertake.

After an opening where the team clear out a ship swarming with pirates off the coast of Somalia, the men of the Jiaolong move to North Africa to take on a terrorist organization and save a group of hostages. Will our heroes, armed to the teeth, manage to escape unscathed from their umpteenth challenge?

With scenes that have already gained themselves a cult reputation, an aesthetic which blends the best in war cinema (*Black Hawk Down*, *The Hurt Locker*) with the best 'shooter' video games (*Call of Duty*), a pace that never drops below 150 MPH and, it must be said, **an implicit but clear anti-war message**, the only place to find out the answer is at the eagerly-awaited **Far East Film Festival 20**, in Udine from the **20th to the 28th of April**.

Once again this year, there's another packed programme: **81 selected titles (of which 55 in competition)**. **5 world premieres and 21 first and second films**, all highlighting the fact that the cinema of the Far East is more alive than ever!

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