FAR EAST FILM FESTIVAL

ALL THE FILMS AT A GLANCE/FEFF25, 2023 LINE-UP

COMPETITION SECTION [43]

CHINA [4]

Full River Red, ZHANG Yimou, black humor-Machiavellian mystery, China 2023, World Festival Premiere – CLOSING FILM Hachiko, XU Ang, the-most-famous-dog-in-the-world, China 2023, World Festival Premiere Hidden Blade, CHENG Er, a vortex of passions in Sino-Japanese war, China 2023, International Festival Premiere Home Coming, RAO Xiaozhi, escape-from-Arab-country action drama, China 2022, International Festival Premiere

HONG KONG [8]

Everyphone Everywhere, Amos WHY, don't forget your phone!, Hong Kong 2023, World Premiere
The Sunny Side of the Street, LAU Kok-rui, refugee social drama, Hong Kong 2022, European Premiere*

Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema

A Guilty Conscience, Jack NG, mega-hit legal drama, Hong Kong 2023, European Premiere*

A Light Never Goes Out, Anastasia TSANG, bittersweet neon sign nostalgia, Hong Kong 2022, Italian Premiere*
Lost Love, KA Sing-fung, domestic drama, Hong Kong 2022, European Premiere*

Mad Fate, Soi CHEANG, hysterical noir, Hong Kong 2023, Italian Premiere

Vital Sign, CHEUK Wan-chi, medical drama with action, Hong Kong 2023, European Premiere

Where the Wind Blows, Philip YUNG, lavish historical crime thriller, Hong Kong 2022, Italian Premiere

INDONESIA [2]

Satan's Slaves: Communion, Joko ANWAR, *horror in the condominium*, Indonesia 2022, Italian Premiere **Sri Asih**, UPI, *Indonesian female super hero epic*, Indonesia 2022, Italian Premiere

JAPAN [8]

December, Anshul CHAUHAN, second chance court drama, Japan 2022, Italian Premiere

Egoist, MATSUNAGA Daishi, superbly performed gay love drama, Japan 2022, European Premiere*

The Legend & Butterfly, OTOMO Keishi, warring-couple and warring-armies period saga, Japan 2023, International Premiere
Phases of the Moon, HIROKI Ryuichi, reincarnated love?, Japan 2022, European Premiere
She Is Me, I Am Her, NAKAMURA Mayu, four stories in Covid time, Japan 2022, International Festival Premiere
Techno Brothers, WATANABE Hirobumi, quirky road movie with techno music, Japan 2023, World Premiere
Your Lovely Smile, LIM Kah Wai, offbeat portrait of indie director, Japan 2022, Italian Premiere
Yudo, SUZUKI Masayuki, elegant comedy on the Way of the Bath, Japan 2023, European Premiere*

MALAYSIA [2]

Abang Adik, Jin ONG, wild lives of two unlucky brothers, Malaysia 2023, Italian Premiere*

Coast Guard Malaysia: Ops Helang, Pitt HANIF, fiercer than John Wick is the Guard!, Malaysia 2023, International Premiere*

MONGOLIA [1]

The Sales Girl, Janchivdorj SENGEDORJ, bold & sexy coming-of-age story, Mongolia 2022, Italian Premiere*

THE PHILIPPINES [3]

Deleter, Mikhail RED, *kill the video and run from the ghost*, The Philippines 2022, International Festival Premiere In My Mother's Skin, Kenneth DAGATAN, *the darkest fairy tale of them all*, The Philippines 2023, Italian Premiere* Where Is the Lie?, Quark HENARES, *trans identity and cruel surprises*, The Philippines 2023, European Premiere

SINGAPORE [1]

Ajoomma, HE Shuming, romantically lost in Korea, Singapore/South Korea 2022, European Premiere – OPENING FILM*

SOUTH KOREA [7]

Ditto, SEO Eun-young, time-crossing-fantasy romance, South Korea 2022, International Festival Premiere
Killing Romance, LEE Won-suk, flamboyant kill-your-husband comedy, South Korea 2023, World Festival Premiere
The Night Owl, AN Tae-jin, deceptions and murders period drama, South Korea 2022, International Festival Premiere*
The Other Child, KIM Jin-young, multilayered ghost and faith horror, South Korea 2022, Italian Premiere*
Phantom, LEE Hae-young, who's-the-spy? Thrilling action drama, South Korea 2023, Italian Premiere
Rebound, CHANG Hang-jun, young basketball team exploit, South Korea 2023, World Festival Premiere
The Wild, KIM Bong-han, atmospheric gangster thriller, South Korea 2023, World Premiere

TAIWAN [6]

The Abandoned, TSENG Ying-ting, socially relevant murder mystery, Taiwan 2022, Italian Premiere*

Bad Education, Kai KO, hyperviolent lost youths drama, Taiwan 2023, European Premiere*

Day Off, FU Tien-yu, hairdresser's sweet story, Taiwan 2023, European Premiere*

Gaga, Laha MEBOW, heartwarming glimpse into a Taiwanese indigenous people's world, Taiwan 2022, European Premiere

Marry My Dead Body, CHENG Wei-hao, explosive comedy with gay ghost, Taiwan 2023, European Premiere

Untold Herstory, Zero CHOU, prison drama in the White Terror era, Taiwan 2022, Italian Premiere

THAILAND [1]

You & Me & Me, Wanwaew and Waewwan HONGVIVATANA, beware of the twins!, Thailand 2023, European Premiere*

OUT OF COMPETITION [35]

JOHNNIE WITHOUT A GUN - TRIBUTE TO JOHNNIE TO

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Life Without Principle, Johnnie TO, *crime drama*, Hong Kong 2011 **Office**, Johnnie TO, *workplace musical*, Hong Kong 2015 **Sparrow**, Johnnie TO, *elegant caper film*, Hong Kong 2008

TRIBUTE TO BAISHO CHIEKO

Plan 75, HAYAKAWA Chie, *dystopic drama*, Japan/The Philippines 2022 Tora-san, Our Lovable Tramp, YAMADA Yoji, *humanistic comedy*, Japan 1969 Where Spring Comes Late, YAMADA Yoji, *heartfelt melodrama*, Japan 1970

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

Convenience Story, MIKI Satoshi, sweet kinky fantasy, Japan 2022, Italian Premiere Emergency Declaration, HAN Jae-rim, high altitude action, South Korea 2022 Way of Life, WATANABE Hirobumi, personal lockdown memories, Japan 2023, World Premiere You've Got a Friend, HIROKI Ryuichi, SM world dramedy, Japan 2022, International Premiere

DOCUMENTARIES

AUM: The Cult at the End of the World, Ben BRAUN, Chiaki YANAGIMOTO, USA 2023, Italian Premiere Jiseok, KIM Young-jo, South Korea 2022, Italian Premiere Kaidan. Strange Stories of Japanese Ghosts, Yves MONTMAYEUR, France 2023, World Premiere

RESTORED CLASSICS

Nomad (Director's Cut), Patrick TAM, new wave masterpiece, Hong Kong 1982/restored 2023, International Premiere

RETROSPECTIVE [21]

A/B side VIBES. Greatest Hits from '80s & '90s

2/Duo, SUWA Nobuhiro, Amour Fou, Japan 1997

800 Two-Lap Runners, HIROKI Ryuichi, sex & sport & rebellion, Japan 1994

Bloody Morning, Li Shaohong, drama, China 1992/restored 2023, International Premiere

Cure, KUROSAWA Kiyoshi, horror, Japan 1997/restored 2023

Dang Bireley's and Young Gangsters, Nonzee NIMIBUTR, the Gangster Era, Thailand 1997, Italian Premiere

Dust in the Wind, HOU Hsiao-hsien, drama-romance, Taiwan 1986/restored 2010

Dust of Angels, HSU Hsiao-ming, gangster drama, Taiwan 1992/2K restored 2021

Flowers in the City Jail, Mario O'HARA, women prison melò, The Philippines 1984/2K restored 2019

A Hot Roof, LEE Min-yong, comedy, South Korea 1995, Italian Premiere

A Moment of Romance, Benny CHAN, action and heart, Hong Kong 1990/restored 2022, International Premiere

A Separated Woman, Chito S. ROÑO, feminist family drama, The Philippines 1994/2K restored 2018

A Soul Haunted by Painting, HUANG Shuqin, drama-romance, China 1994/4K restored 2018, International Premiere

Swallowtail Butterfly, IWAI Shunji, *crime drama*, Japan 1996, Italian Premiere

Teenage Fugitive, CHANG Pei-cheng, irresistible comedy, Taiwan 1984, International Premiere/restored 2022

Trio, PARK Chan-wook, comedy crime, South Korea 1997

Tribute to JANG Sun-woo

Lies, JANG Sun-woo, *drama*, South Korea 1999 The Road to the Racetrack, JANG Sun-woo, *drama*, South Korea 1991 To You, from Me, JANG Sun-woo, *erotic drama*, South Korea 1994

Tribute to Po-Chih LEONG

Hong Kong 1941, Po-Chih LEONG, war drama, Hong Kong 1984, Italian Premiere The Island, Po-Chih LEONG, camping horror, Hong Kong 1985, Italian Premiere Ping Pong, Po-Chih LEONG, comedy-mystery, UK 1986, Italian Premiere

I NUMERI DEL FESTIVAL/FESTIVAL FIGURES

Total films: **78**Total countries: **14**

Total films in competition: 43

Female directors: **11** in competition (26%) – **15 in total** * White Mulberry Award for First Time Director: **12**

* Mulberry Award for Best Screenplay: 6

World Premiere: 9 International Premiere: 13 European Premiere: 14 Italian Premiere: 23

ONLINE SECTION

Total films: **22** (all available in Italy)

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