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## 21st Chennai International Film Festival

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**Inaugural Function Invitation**  
Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation  
cordially invites you for the Inauguration of

**21<sup>st</sup> CHENNAI  
INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL**  
14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December - 2023

*In the August presence of Diplomats from Foreign Missions*

**Mr. Sivan Kannan**  
President, ICAF  
*Presides over the function*

**Ms. Parvati Nair**  
Cine Artiste  
*lights the lamp*

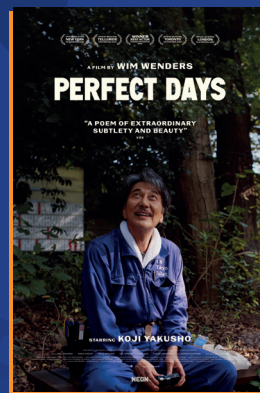
**Date:** 14th Dec-2023 **Time:** 06.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** @ PVR - Sathyam Cinemas,  
8, Thiruvika Rd, Peters Colony, Royapettah, Chennai - 600014

**Anand Rengaswamy**  
Vice President, ICAF

**E. THANGARAJ**  
General Secretary, ICAF

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We welcome you all to the next edition of the Chennai International Film Festival (CIFF). This is our 21st Edition and we would like to thank you for all your continued support and encouragement in making all our previous editions successful! We hope to have your support this year also!



**PERFECT DAYS** by Wim Wenders  
(Cannes Festival 2023,  
Best Actor Award winner)



**ANATOMY OF A FALL** by Justine Triet  
(Cannes Festival 2023,  
Palme d'Or winner)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 21ST EDITION OF CIFF

With the support of Government of Tamil Nadu Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation in association with PVR INOX Cinemas presents 21st CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

### Dates of Festival

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Inaugural Function

PVR INOX Cinemas – Sathyam screen (Dec 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm)

### Closing Function

PVR INOX Cinemas – Sathyam screen (Dec 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm)

### Venues

PVR INOX Cinemas (formerly Sathyam Cinemas – Santham, Seasons, Six Degrees, Serene screens) & Anna Cinemas

For Tamil films competition category, ICAF informed through Press, our website and our social media about the submission process and the last date for receipt of entries was fixed as 7th November 2023. 12 films were selected by the Preview Committee.

**THIS YEAR WILL BE GIVING 9 AWARDS**

## Change in Screening Schedule

Due to Administrative reasons, the following change has been made and delegates may kindly note & bear with the festival management.

Now in the screening schedule	Will screen
Serene on 16th December 2023 @4.30 pm	Serene on 16th December 2023 @4.30 pm
<b>Man in Black</b> (Man in Black) <b>Dir.:</b> Wang Bing France, USA, UK 2023 60'  <b>WC-NC</b>	3 short films namely NILA PATTI, Suitcase Subbu & Killjon (Total Duration 43 Minustes) by students of TNGMGRFTVI

This year, we are introducing Competition for World Cinema category for the 1st time inviting entries through FilmFreeway. The response was encouraging. We have selected 12 films under this category. We will be giving 2 awards and 1 special mention by way of certificates.

Number of Countries : **57**

Guests : Diplomats from various Foreign Missions across India and Film Directors from all over the World

Number of Films : **125**

Other Award Winning Films : **Oscar Nominations & Selections**



2018: Everyone is a Hero (India)



The Teachers' Lounge (Germany)



Perfect Days (Japan)



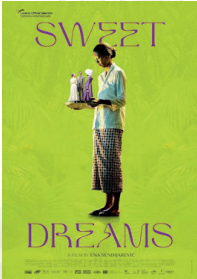
Do Not Expect Too Much from the End of the World (Romania)



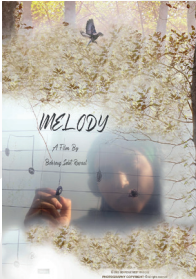
Fallen Leaves (Finland)



Inshallah a Boy (Jordan)



Sweet Dreams (Netherlands)



Melody (Tajikistan)



Totem (Mexico)

CANNES Film Festival – Winners

1. Anatomy of a Fall by Justine Triet (**Palme d'Or winner**)
2. How to Have Sex by Molly Manning Walker (**Uncertain regard winner**)
3. A Brighter Tomorrow by Nanni Moretti
4. Club Zero by Jessica Hausner
5. Fallen Leaves by Aki Kaurismäki
6. Kidnapped by Marco Bellocchio
7. The Old Oak by Ken Loach
8. Perfect Days by Wim Wenders

Berlin International Film Festival – Winners

1. 20,000 Species of Bees by Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren(Best Leading Performance winner and Golden Berlin Bear nominee)
2. Afire by Christian Petzold (Silver Berlin Bear winner and Golden Berlin Bear nominee)
3. The Plough by Philippe Garrel (Silver Berlin Bear winner and Golden Berlin Bear nominee)

Films from popular film festivals like Busan International Film Festival, Fajr Film Festival, Venice Film Festival, San Sebastian International Film Festival and Locarno International Film Festival.

Iranian Films : **8 Films**

Country Focus – Korea : **5 Films** (courtesy: Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chennai)

German Cinema : **2 Films** (courtesy: Goethe-Institut, Chennai), including Afire – Berlinale Silver Bear winner

French Films : **3 Films** (courtesy: Alliance Française of Madras)

Contemporary Cinema from Hungary : **3 Films** (courtesy: Liszt Institute – Hungarian Cultural Center, New Delhi)

Glimpses of Mexico : **3 Films** (courtesy: Embassy of Mexico in India, New Delhi)

Retrospective of Director Laís Bodanzky : **3 Films** (courtesy: Embassy of Brazil in India, New Delhi)

Taiwanese Classics : **2 Films** (courtesy: Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in Chennai)

Australian Aboriginal Films : **2 Films** (courtesy: Australian Consulate-General in Chennai)

**1 film each were given by Embassy of Portugal in India, New Delhi (Alma Viva); Finnish Film Foundation in Finland (Fallen Leaves); Russian House in Chennai (Nyurnberg) and 2 films from Farabi Cinema Foundation in Iran (Captain, Leather Jacket Man)**

Tamil Feature Film Competition : **12 Films**

Indian Panorama : **19 films** (6 films courtesy of DFF, NFDC India) including the Oscars 2024 nominated Indian movie ‘2018: Everyone is a Hero’

Tribute : **Tribute to Hungarian actor, Péter Andorai**

Films on Environment : **Kanne Kalaimane (Tamil)**  
**Here Comes the Leopard (Kannada)**

**13 short films by the students of Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Institute**



SCREENING SCHEDULE

DEC 14 THURSDAY

SANDHAM	<p>9.30 am</p> <p>Urgent Cut Off(Ghate Fori) Dir.:Maryam Bahrololumi Iran 2023 80' WC-NC</p>	<p>11.15 am</p> <p>The Path of Excellence (La voie royale) Dir.: Frédéric Mermoud France, Switzerland  2023   107'  WC-NC</p>	<p>1.30 pm</p> <p>Unscripted Reunion ( Le cours de la vie) Dir.: Frédéric Sojcher France   2023   90'   WC-NC</p>	<p>3.30 pm</p> <p>The Rapture (Le ravissement) Dir.: Iris Kaltenböck France   2023   97'   WC-NC</p>	<p>Opening function – 6.00 pm at Sathyam followed by Perfect Days(Perfect Days) Dir.:Wim Wenders Japan, Germany 2023 123'  WC-NC</p>
SERENE	<p>9.40 am</p> <p>Scent of Wind(Derb) Dir.:Hadi Mohaghegh Iran 2022 90' WC-NC</p>	<p>11.15 am</p> <p>Sister &amp; Sister(Las hijas) Dir.:Kattia G. Zúñiga Panama, Chile 2023 80' WC-NC</p>	<p>1.30 pm</p> <p>We are Still Here (We are Still Here) Dir.: Beck Cole, Dena Curtis, + 9 New Zealand  2022 90'  WC-NC</p>	<p>3.30 pm</p> <p>Midwives (Sages-femmes) Dir.: Léa Fehner France   2023  100'  WC-NC</p>	No Screening
SEASONS	<p>9.30 am</p> <p>The Doll(The Doll) Dir.:Asghar YOUSEFINEJAD Iran 2023 90' WC-NC</p>	<p>11.45 am</p> <p>That Afternoon(Die middag) Dir.:Nafiss Nia Netherlands 2023 75' WC-NC</p>	<p>1.45 pm</p> <p>After the Fire(Avant que les flammes ne s'éteignent) Dir.:Mehdi Fikri France 2023 98' WC-NC</p>	<p>4.00 pm</p> <p>Club Zero(Club Zero) Dir.:Jessica Hausner Austria, UK, Germany, France, Denmark, Qatar 2023  110' WC-NC</p>	No Screening
6 DEGREES	<p>10.00 am</p> <p>Little Forest(Liteul poleseuteu) Dir.:Soon-rye Yim South Korea 2018 103'  Contemporary Films from Korea</p>	<p>1.00 pm</p> <p>Jananam 1947 Pranayam Thudarunnu (Jananam 1947 Pranayam Thudarunnu) Dir.:Abijith Asokan India 2023 130' IP</p>	<p>3.30 pm</p> <p>Leather Jacket Man(Kot-e charmi) Dir.:Hossein Mirza Mohammadi Iran 2023 90' WC-NC</p>	No Screening	No Screening
ANNA THEATRES	<p>9.30 am</p> <p>Bauryna Salu(Bauryna Salu) Dir.:Askhat Kuchinchirekov Kazakhstan 2023 106' WC-NC</p>	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Empty Nets(Leere Netze) Dir.:Behrooz Karamizade Germany, Iran 2023 101' WC-NC</p>	<p>2.15pm</p> <p>Melody (Melody) Dir.: Behrouz Sebt Rasoul Tajikistan, Iran, UK   2023   98'   WC-NC</p>	<p>4.45 pm</p> <p>Foremost by Night (Sobre todo de noche) Dir.: Víctor Iriarte Spain, Portugal, France   2023   95'   WC-NC</p>	<p>7.15 pm</p> <p>The Reeds(Son Hasat) Dir.:Cemil Agacikoglu Turkey, Bulgaria 2023 123'  WC-NC</p>

First Time in CIFF :

In World cinema section :

Movies from Vietnam, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Tajikistan, Panama, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Reunion, Uruguay, Macedonia, UAE and Tibet

Masterclasses :

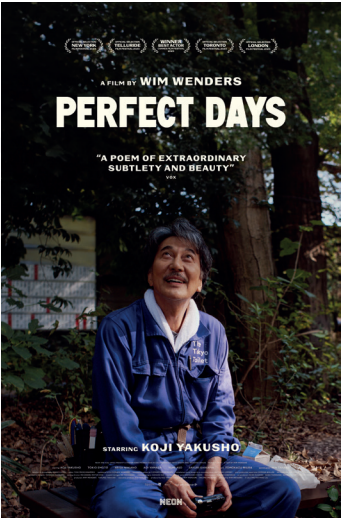
We are having 12 sessions conducted by eminent personalities from the film industry and literature organized by Avichi College.

¶his year we will be taking student volunteers from DG Vaishnav College and Ethiraj College.

Delegate Registration :

Direct Registration at Anna Cinemas, #21, Anna Salai (Mount Road), Chennai. Daily from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm  
Online Registration – [www.icafe.in](http://www.icafe.in) / [www.chennaifilmfest.com](http://www.chennaifilmfest.com) / <https://insider.in/21st-chennai-international-film-festival-dec14-2023/event>

# INAUGURAL FILM OF 21ST CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



Perfect Days is a 2023 drama film directed by Wim Wenders, from a script written by Wenders and Takuma Takasaki. A co-production between Japan and Germany, the film combines four short stories and stars Kōji Yakusho in the role of a toilet cleaner.

The film competed for the Palme d'Or at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival, where it premiered on 25 May and won the Prize of the Ecumenical Jury and the Best Actor Award for Kōji Yakusho. It was selected as the Japanese entry for the Best International Feature Film at the 96th Academy Awards.

**Synopsis :**  
Hirayama works as a toilet cleaner in Tokyo. He seems content with his simple life. He follows a structured everyday life and dedicates his free time to his passion for music and books. Hirayama also has a fondness for trees and photographs them. More of his past is gradually revealed through a series of unexpected encounters.

## Other Movies to Watch Out for Today!

### 1. Little Forest (Liteul Poleseuteu)

**Dir.: Soon-rye Yim**  
**South Korea | 2018 | 103' | Contemporary Films from Korea | 6 Degrees 10:00 AM**

Little Forest, a gem from South Korea, captivates with its serene journey into rural life, highlighting the restorative power of nature and simplicity. Its visual allure and contemplative story offer a peaceful, reflective cinematic retreat.

### 2. The Rapture (Le Ravissement)

**Dir.: Iris Kaltenbäck**  
**France | 2023 | 97' | WC-NC | Santham 3:30 PM**

The Rapture offers a deep dive into the complexities of surrogacy, blending intense drama with raw emotions. Directed by Iris Kaltenbäck, it's a film that intricately explores themes of identity and motherhood, making it a thoughtfully engaging pick.

## Photos from 20th CIFF



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