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Tokyo International Film Festival Announces CROSSCUT ASIA #05: Soundtrip to Southeast Asia

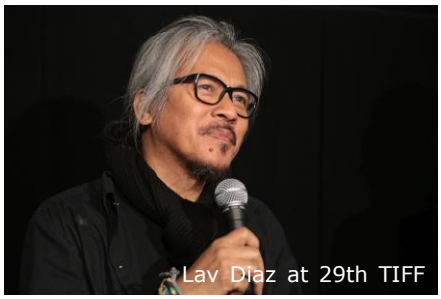
Featuring Cinema with Music from Filipino Rap to Thai Pop

The 31st Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF) is pleased to announce that its **CROSSCUT ASIA section will focus on Southeast Asian films featuring a rich variety of musical genres, including a rock opera from the Philippines, popular Isan band music from Thailand and Cambodian pop songs,** reflecting historical and present-day Southeast Asia. This 5th edition of the section has been programmed in collaboration with the **Japan Foundation Asia Center**.

The 31st TIFF will take place October 25 – November 3, 2018 at Roppongi Hills and other venues in Tokyo.

CROSSCUT ASIA #05: Soundtrip to Southeast Asia

From Filipino maestro Lav Diaz's rock opera to a new talent's hip hop masterpiece!
The Japan Foundation Asia Center's CROSSCUT ASIA series showcases Asian films with a focus on specific countries, directors or themes. Following the first three editions, which featured works from Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, the fourth edition encompassed a larger area of Southeast Asia, with works from young filmmakers in Southeast Asia recommended by maestros such as Brillante Ma Mendoza (Philippines), Tran Anh Hung (Vietnam) and Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand).


Lav Diaz at 29th TIFF

This year, **CROSSCUT ASIA #05: Soundtrip to Southeast Asia**, will showcase films featuring a rich variety of musical genres. One eye-opener in the lineup, ***Season of the Devil*, is the latest film from Filipino auteur Lav Diaz**. Diaz was first introduced to audiences in Japan in 2009, when the 22nd TIFF screened his short film *Butterflies have no Memories*. His subsequent films received much critical attention and many awards from leading festivals, making him one of Southeast Asia's most notable directors. *From What Is Before* earned him the Golden Leopard at Locarno in 2014, *A Lullaby to the Sorrowful Mystery* took the Silver Bear at Berlin in 2016, and *The Woman Who Left* won the Golden Lion at Venice, also in 2016. Diaz's must-see new ***Season of the Devil*** features *a cappella* songs that resonate against the black-and-white cinematography. This year's CROSSCUT ASIA will take the audience on a memorable "sound-trip" across regions and time.

The Japan Foundation Asia Center www.jfac.jp
The Japan Foundation is Japan's principal independent administrative institution dedicated to carrying out cultural exchange initiatives throughout the world. The Asia Center, established in April 2014, is a division within the Foundation that conducts and supports collaborative initiatives with its Asian—primarily ASEAN—counterparts. Through interacting and working together in Japanese-language education, arts and culture, sports, and grassroots and intellectual exchange, the Asia Center pursues to develop the sense of kinship and coexistence as neighboring inhabitants of Asia.

Tokyo International Film Festival www.tiff-jp.net
The Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF) started in 1985 as Japan's first major film festival and the only Japanese film festival accredited by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF). Since then, TIFF has grown to become one of the leading film festivals in Asia. Every year in October, filmmakers and film fans of all ages gather in Tokyo to enjoy excellent films from around the world and TIFF's many colorful events. These include TIFF's affiliated media content market TIFFCOM, seminars for students, professionals, and business people, and symposiums and workshops for networking with the world's film industries, developing international co-productions, and promoting the global film business. The 31st Tokyo International Film Festival will be held **from October 25 (Thu.) to November 3 (Sat.), 2018.**

Press Accreditation for the 31st Tokyo International Film Festival will start from August 20, 2018.
All members of the press must apply for a press pass in order to cover the festival.

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