



December extravaganza

Macao kicks off this December with a bang as the 3rd International Film Festival & Awards and 2018 Macao International Parade approaches again.

Unveiling on the 8th December, the 3rd International Film Festival & Awards-Macao (IFFAM) will present over 50 highly anticipated films alongside 14 local film works under the theme 'A New Avenue to the World of Films' at the Macao Cultural Centre, the Macau Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre and the Cinematheque-Passion for a stretch of seven days until the 14th December.

This year, the IFFAM Organizing Committee will join hands with Screen International, UK's prestigious film magazine, to present 'New Chinese Cinema' as a new competition section and enrich the festival with a broader selection of Chinese films selected from across the Strait and Malaysia.

A platform for aspiring rising film directors, actors and actresses to deliver their new ideas and potential, the IFFAM allows them to soar and unfold a new avenue in the world of films through its competition section, which will spotlight first and second-time film directors once again this year, with most of the eleven film entries directed by young and new film directors coming from Europe, Central America, South America and Asia, covering a variety of genres and themes.

For those who are looking to experience Macao's unique East-and-West cultural blend, the festival will present movies featuring Macao as their filming location such as "Nobody Nose" and "Empire

Hotel" which brims with the color of Macao. There are also a myriad of renowned films which include films premiered or awarded in other major international film festivals of the year such as Golden Lion winner 'Roma', and other extraordinary films such as those by Mainland China's famed actress Yao Chen including 'Caught in the Web', and 'Lost, Found'.

Last but not least, the festival will culminate in the exquisite beauty of Chinese ink painting film 'Shadow' which was screened at the 75th Venice International Film Festival, the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival and the 2018 BFI London Film Festival.



Multiple Golden Horse Award winner Aaron Kwok has been confirmed as one of the Festival's Talent Ambassadors (Photo courtesy of IFFAM Organising Committee)



World famous Chinese director Chen Kaige will serve as an International Competition Jury President for the IFFAM (Photo courtesy of IFFAM Organising Committee)



Academy Award and Golden Globe winner Nicolas Cage takes up the role of Talent Ambassador for the IFFAM (Photo courtesy of IFFAM Organising Committee)



The 3rd International Film Festival & Awards-Macao (IFFAM)

Date 8-14 December

Web www.iffamacao.com/

2018 Macao International Parade

Organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the '2018 Macao International Parade' will be held on 16 December in celebration of the 19th Anniversary of Macao's handover to China. Its 8th edition this year, the parade themed 'VIVA Mission: Unveil Secret Order', will gather ten figures of the mythology and folklore of China, Macao and eight Portuguese-speaking countries for a feast of 'Love, Peace and Cultural Integration', showcasing their cultural essence and acting as an exchange platform for culture and arts.

The parade will feature 76 groups and a total of over 1,700 participants, including 57 local groups which will present original performances closely associated with the theme, and 19 groups from Mainland China, France, Spain, Russia, Columbia, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Argentina, Japan, Malaysia, Korea, Hong Kong and Portuguese-speaking countries such as Portugal, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique.

Seeking to expand its scale and extend its reach further into the local community, the parade will hold a total of 24 outreach performances. A series of promotional activities will also be launched from 1 December for two consecutive weeks including photography contest, games with prizes and other creative activities.

The closing performance of the Parade at Sai Van Lake Square will feature huge balloons of various mythological and folklore figures, as well as fireworks at the Macao Tower and a series of excellent performances by the various performing groups, celebrating the Handover with residents and tourists. TDM - Teledifusão de Macau, S.A. will broadcast the entire event live and the popular Hong Kong TVB programme 'Scoop' will feature a foretaste of the event on 14 and 20 December, as well as a Parade Special Programme dedicated to the event's highlights on 22 December. Be sure to tune in.

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Date 16 December

Web www.icm.gov.mo/macaoparade/8/prelaunch/en/



Aerial Photography Exhibition 'Surface Revealed'



Taipa Village Cultural Association has presented a pioneering aerial photography exhibition- 'Surface Revealed' which will last from now to 8 February.

Conceived by the leading light in China's photography scene and one of Macau's most prolific freelance photographers Chan Hin-Lo, the exhibition offers an artistic view of Macau's landscape captured by sophisticated drone technology.

In the exhibition, Chan showcases compositions from different perspectives, including colourful views of reclamation zones and tightly-restricted construction sites, as well as the everyday lives of local people immersed in their specific surroundings, capturing the social dynamics that constitute the pulse of the city. Don't miss out.

Aerial Photography Exhibition 'Surface Revealed'

Date 5 December to 8 February

Venue Taipa Village Art Space, 10 Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa, Macao

Web www.taipavillagemacao.org.mo

