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***Downton Abbey* star Joanne Froggatt graces the long-awaited film premiere at the 30th Singapore International Film Festival**



Actress Joanne Froggatt at the Singapore premiere of Downton Abbey at the 30th Singapore International Film Festival

Singapore, 22 November 2019 - English actress Joanne Froggatt shone on the red carpet at the Singapore premiere of *Downton Abbey* (2019) at Capitol Theatre, which saw a full-house reception as part of the 30th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF). Back for the first time on the big screen after a four-year hiatus since 2015, the hustle at the magnificent Crawley house is one of three Special Presentation films at the Festival. Fans and festival-goers were also treated to appearances by Stone, actor and guitarist of Taiwanese rock band Mayday; American make-up effects artist Barney Burman; Australian soprano Jassy Husk; and local media personalities Denise Tan and Dick Lee who were here to support this landmark edition of the Festival.

Froggatt returns as beloved lady's maid to the Crawleys in the film, a role that earned her a Golden Globe and three Emmy nominations over the six-series television run. Picking up right where they left off, the film follows the adventures of the Crawleys as they rush to get the Abbey fit for royalty – a grand visit from the King and Queen of England. Viewers and fans are once again thrown into the whirlwind of the canon, with the same wit, social tension and revelation that had underscored the series, courtesy of creator and screenwriter Lord Julian Fellowes. Helmed by American



director Michael Engler, best known for his television directorial credits on popular series including *Sex and the City* and the small screen success of *Downton Abbey*, the film continues to charm fans and new viewers alike with the symphonic ensemble, grand sets and opulent wardrobe.

A leading international film festival in Southeast Asia and a paragon of Singapore's arts and cultural scene, the 30th SGIFF continues to be a discovery ground and champion of independent cinema in the region. Running from 21 November to 1 December 2019, SGIFF will be hosted across multiple Festival venues, including Capitol Theatre, National Museum of Singapore, National Gallery Singapore, Oldham Theatre, The Projector, Filmgarde Bugis+, Golden Village Grand and Objectifs Centre for Photography & Filmmaking.

SGIFF is an event of the Singapore Media Festival (SMF), hosted by the Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA). SGIFF 2019's Official Sponsors include Official Red Carpet Venue Capitol Theatre; Official Automobile BMW; Official Hotel Shangri-La Hotel Singapore and Official Airline Singapore Airlines.

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About the Singapore International Film Festival

Founded in 1987, the Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) is the largest and longest-running film event in Singapore. It has become an iconic event in the local arts calendar that is widely attended by international film critics; and known for its dynamic programming and focus on ground-breaking Asian cinema for Singapore and the region. Committed to nurturing and championing local and regional talent, its competition component, the Silver Screen Awards, brings together emerging filmmakers from Asia and Southeast Asia while paying tribute to acclaimed cinema legends.

With its mentorship programmes, masterclasses and dialogues with attending filmmakers, the Festival also serves as a catalyst for igniting public interest, artistic dialogue, and cultural exchanges in the art of filmmaking. The SGIFF is organised by the Singapore International Film Festival Ltd, a non-profit organisation with Institution of Public Character (IPC) status.

The 30th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) will be held in Singapore from 21 November 2019 to 1 December 2019.

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About the Singapore Media Festival (SMF)

The Singapore Media Festival, hosted by the Infocomm Media Development Authority, is one of Asia's leading international media events, where the industry meets to discover the latest trends, talents and content in Asia for film, TV and digital media. Taking place from 21 November to 8 December 2019, the Singapore Media Festival brings together the Asian Academy Creative Awards (AAA), Asia TV Forum & Market (ATF) and ScreenSingapore, Singapore Comic Con (SGCC), and Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF). VidCon Asia Summit will also be held in conjunction with SMF. For more information about the Singapore Media Festival, please visit www.sgmediafestival.com.