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**Director Midi Z and *Nina Wu* anti-heroines Wu Ke-Xi and Hsia Yu-Chiao dazzle at their Singapore premiere at the 30th Singapore International Film Festival**



*Director Midi Z and actresses Hsia Yu-Chiao (Left) and Wu Ke-Xi (Right) at the Singapore premiere of *Nina Wu* at the 30th Singapore International Film Festival*

**Singapore, 24 November 2019** - Award-winning Burmese filmmaker Midi Z and celebrated Taiwanese female leads Wu Ke-Xi and Hsia Yu-Chiao strutted down the red carpet at Capitol Theatre for their presentation of *Nina Wu* (2019), as part of the 30th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF). Together with them were also local music talents Ng Meiting and Ruth Kueo; celebrities Andee Chua, Hugo Liu, Michelle Wong and Ong Shu-an. The film is a timely exploration of the dangerous games played in the media industry, and is one of three Special Presentation films at SGIFF.

Following Midi Z's award-winning productions over recent years, *Nina Wu* was selected for the Un Certain Regard section in this year's Cannes Film Festival, and won Best Sound Effects yesterday at the 56th Golden Horse Awards. The film is a gripping psychological thriller that

follows the journey of a bit-part actress as she struggles to endure the abuse and trauma that come with her first lead role on-screen. Title character Nina Wu's quarry for fame leads to a surmountuous battle with her sanity, punctured by a terrorising and fractured soundscape and visual throbbing of desperation. Penned by Wu Ke-Xi in collaboration with Midi Z, the film was inspired by Harvey Weinstein's scandal and the #MeToo movement, and acts as an emblem of Wu's fight for gender equality in a male-dominated industry.

Midi Z and Wu Ke-Xi had also graced the red carpet of SGIFF when they presented *The Road to Mandalay* as a Special Presentation film in 2016.

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.

For more information, please visit [www.sgiff.com](http://www.sgiff.com). The full Festival guide can also be downloaded [here](#). Hi-res visuals from the Red Carpet will be uploaded onto the 30th SGIFF media kit [here](#).

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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.

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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](http://www.sgmediafestival.com).