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Marina Bay Sands sets the scene for the 28th Singapore International Film Festival

*Celebrities Shekhar Kapur, Christopher Doyle and Koji Yakusho,
to attend 28th edition of SGIFF*



*(top, from left to right) Shekhar Kapur, Koji Yakusho, Atsuko Hirayanagi
(bottom, from left to right) Clara Law, Christopher Doyle, Anup Singh*

Singapore (20 November 2017) – Marina Bay Sands will once again be the go-to destination for red carpet events and a hotbed for film insider discussions during this year’s Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF), as the integrated resort hosts movie premieres, talks and masterclasses with filmmakers, producers and actors in attendance from November 23 to December 3.

Legendary cinematographer of *In the Mood for Love* (2000) and *2046* (2004) **Christopher Doyle**, revered Japanese actor **Koji Yakusho** of hit films *Shall We Dance* (1996) and *Memoirs of a*

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Geisha (2005) as well as filmmaker **Shekhar Kapur**, who directed the multiple Academy Award-nominated film *Elizabeth* (1998) and its sequel, *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* (2007) are among the list of Festival guests attending SGIFF events held at Marina Bay Sands. In addition to Koji Yakusho, the Festival will also see some of the biggest names in Japanese cinema over the 11 days, including veteran actress **Shinobu Terajima**, who is also the female lead of SGIFF Special Presentation film *Oh Lucy!*, actor-director **Takumi Saitoh** who will be presenting his first directed feature film *Blank 13*, and actor **Joe Odagiri**, the male lead for SGIFF Special Presentation film *The White Girl*.

These events are a way for the integrated resort to support the Festival, which champions the discovery of independent cinema from the region, and raise awareness for the film fraternity. Marina Bay Sands has also invited its Sands Global Ambassador, **David Beckham**, to attend the SGIFF Benefit Dinner on November 25 at Sands Expo and Convention Centre.

As part of **ArtScience on Screen: In Conversation**, the integrated resort and SGIFF will also host a series of seven dialogue sessions and masterclasses led by industry insiders between November 24 and December 2 at ArtScience Museum. **ArtScience on Screen: In Conversation** is one of the many ways Marina Bay Sands gives back to the local community. Through the integrated resort's CSR programme *Sands for Singapore*, Marina Bay Sands provides opportunities where youth and beneficiaries can gain insights into the world of film, art and culture through the eyes of leading experts and celebrities.

This year's speakers include award-winning film director and producer **Shekhar Kapur**; **Koji Yakusho**; *The Song of Scorpions*' film director **Anup Singh** and cast **Waheeda Rehman**; *The White Girl* director, co-director and cast **Jenny Suen**, **Christopher Doyle**, **Angela Yuen**, **Joe Odagiri** and **Tony Wu**; *Oh Lucy!* director **Atsuko Hiranayagi** and cast **Shinobu Terajima**; Hong Kong film director **Clara Law**; and producer **Philip Lee**, who has worked on critically acclaimed films such as Ang Lee's *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and Zhang Yimou's *Hero*.

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Details of In Conversation With sessions at ArtScience Museum

In Conversation: The director and cast of *The Song of Scorpions*

Date: Friday, 24 November

Time: 3pm-4pm

In Conversation: The director and cast of *The White Girl*

Date: Tuesday, 28 November

Time: 3pm-4pm

In Conversation: Hong Kong film director Clara Law

Date: Wednesday, 29 November

Time: 7pm-8pm

In Conversation: The director and cast of *Oh Lucy!*

Date: Thursday, 30 November

Time: 3pm-4pm

In Conversation: Filmmaker Philip Lee

Date: Friday, 1 December

Time: 7pm-8pm

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Masterclass with Shekhar Kapur

Date: Saturday, 2 December

Time: 2pm-3pm

In Conversation: Cinema Legend award recipient Koji Yakusho

Date: Saturday, 2 December

Time: 5.30pm-6.30pm

All seven talks will be held at ArtScience Museum, level 4, and are open to members of the public. Admission is free but participants will have to register via sgiff2017.peatix.com and place an S\$5 refundable deposit to secure a seat at each session.

Beyond these dialogue sessions, the celebrities will be attending various SGIFF red carpet events held at Marina Bay Sands.

The red carpet events that are open to the public include:

23 Nov:

SGIFF Opening Film; *Angels Wear White* (China)

Venue: Grand Theatre Foyer, 7pm

Celebrities in attendance: The film's director Vivian Qu and cast Zhou Mei Jun; Anup Singh, and Waheeda Rehman; and Japanese filmmaker Daisuke Miyazaki

24 Nov:

SGIFF Special Presentation Film 1; *The Song of Scorpions* (Switzerland/France/China)

Venue: Grand Theatre Foyer, 7pm

Celebrities in attendance: The film's director Anup Singh and cast Waheeda Rehman.

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25 Nov:

SGIFF Benefit Dinner

Venue: Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Hall A, 6.45pm

Celebrities in attendance: David Beckham, Anup Singh, Waheeda Rehman, Vietnamese-born French film director Tran Anh Hung, Jenny Suen, Christopher Doyle, upcoming *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* cast Kelly Marie Tran, and Japanese actor, model and singer Takumi Saitoh.

30 Nov:

SGIFF Special Presentation Film 3 *Oh Lucy!*

Venue: Grand Theatre Foyer, 7pm

Celebrities in attendance: The film's director Atsuko Hiranayagi and cast Shinobu Terajima

2 Dec:

Silver Screen Awards

Venue: Sands Theatre Foyer, 6.45pm

Celebrities in attendance: Koji Yakusho, award-winning Indonesian director and Honorary Award recipient Garin Nugroho, Asian Feature Film Competition jury members Shekhar Kapur, Clara Law, Ana Lily Amipour and Mark Peranson, and Southeast Asian Short Film Competition jury members Kenji Ishizaka, K. Rajagopal and Marsha Timothy

For more information about the festival events being held at Marina Bay Sands, log onto www.marinabaysands.com/entertainment/sgiff.html or join the conversation online with #WhatsOnMBS #MarinaBaySands #SandsEntertainment #SGIFF2017

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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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