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THE 29TH SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL RED CARPET SPECIAL PRESENTATION, *DEAR EX*



L-R: Wahyuni Hadi, Executive Director, SGIFF; Joseph Huang; Hsieh Ying-Xuan; Mag Hsu; Hsu Chih-Yen; Spark Chen; and Pimpaka Towira, Programme Director, SGIFF

Singapore, 2 December 2018 – The 29th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) today showcased the Southeast Asian premiere of *Dear Ex*, at the Capitol Theatre. Directors **Mag Hsu** and **Hsu Chih-yen**, whose debut feature is one of the two Special Presentation Films at the 29th SGIFF, led cast members, winner of the 55th Golden Horse Awards for Best Leading Actress, **Hsieh Ying-Xuan**, **Spark Chen**, and **Joseph Huang** on the red carpet. Joining them on the red carpet included television personality **Anita Kapoor**, doyenne of Singaporean music scene **Vanessa Fernandez** with Australian guitarist and producer **Nic Robertson**, singer-song-writer **Inch Chua**, **Hong Ling**, **Nick Teo**, and **Michelle Wong** among others.

With its bright, saturated colour palette and dramatic performances, *Dear Ex* cleverly employs the aesthetics of rom-coms and soap operas to explore serious themes of loss, identity, and acceptance, through a sensitive comedic drama of a jilted widow who must make peace with her late husband's temperamental former lover. The film was a resounding success at the 2018 Taipei Film Festival, winning five awards for Best Narrative Feature, Best Actor, Best Actress, Audience Award and the Press Award in the International New Talent Competition. *Dear Ex* received eight nominations at this year's Golden Horse Awards and won two of the prestigious awards for Best Leading Actress and Best Film Editing.

As the leading international film platform in the region, the 29th SGIFF showcases a diverse selection of coveted films from Asia and beyond; demonstrating the ascending future of Asian cinema, with SGIFF continuing to lead the charge for Asian filmmakers emerging onto the global stage.

The Festival is hosted in Singapore from 28 November to 9 December 2018, across various venues, including Capitol Theatre, National Museum of Singapore, National Gallery Singapore, The Cathay, Filmgarde Bugis+, Objectifs and *SCAPE.

SGIFF is an event of the Singapore Media Festival (SMF), hosted by Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA). SGIFF 2018's Official Sponsors include Official Red Carpet Venue Capitol Theatre; Official Hotels Fairmont Singapore and Swissôtel The Stamford Singapore; Official Automobile BMW; 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 29th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) will be held in Singapore from 28 November 2018 – 9 December 2018.

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