

BALINALE 2009 HIGHLIGHTS 25 MOVIES FROM 13 COUNTRIES

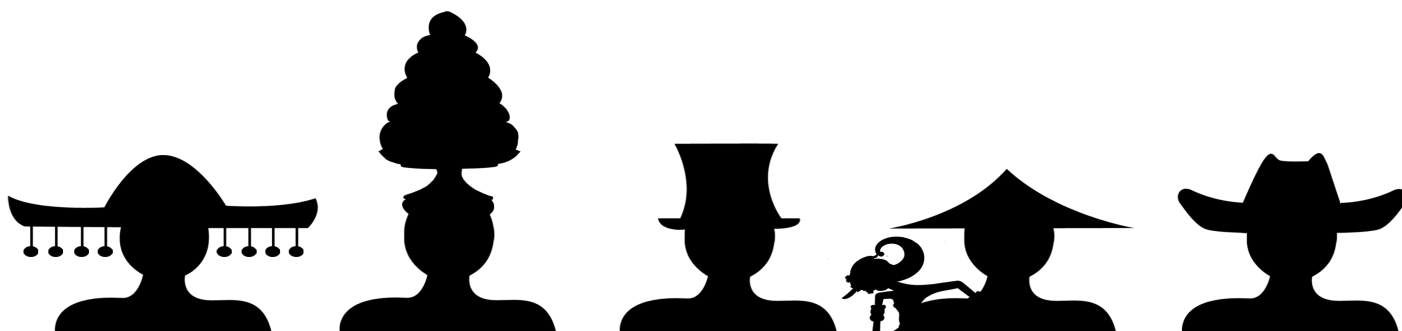
Jakarta, 12 October 2009 – **BALINALE 2009 International Film Festival** announced today the line-up of 25 films selected from 13 countries from across the world, showcasing classic films, contemporary cutting-edge features, children's and animated films, documentaries and short-films by both international and Indonesian filmmakers, including a film workshop to be conducted by an international filmmaker. All film showings and workshops will be held at the Cinema 21 DFS Galleria in Kuta, Bali, on 20-25 October 2009. The complete list and synopsis of featured films are available at www.balinale.com/highlights.htm.

"We are thrilled to bring in another great line up of films this year, and continue to encourage international filmmakers, directors and producers to look at and consider Indonesia as a feasible film location," said Deborah Gabetti, Director of the BALINALE International Film Festival during a press conference at the Grand Sahid Jaya Hotel in Jakarta today (12/10). "A major motion picture will not only generate jobs and contribute to the local film industry, but creates a positive image of Bali and Indonesia to a global audience." Gabetti continues. BALINALE also gives Indonesian film professionals an international forum in which to present their work while networking with visiting filmmakers.

In attendance last year were Warner Bros IMAX 3D filmmakers Michele & Howard Hall who had just completed filming in Indonesia 'Under the Sea 3D', Producer Philip Lee ('Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon', 'Forbidden Kingdom', 'Dark Knight') and Executive Producer Stan Wlodkowski ('American Beauty', 'In the Valley of Elah') who has confirmed Bali as a featured location in the upcoming Sony Pictures Entertainment movie EAT, PRAY, LOVE starring Julia Roberts and Javier Bardem.

Following the Acting Workshop conducted by senior film Indonesian actor Didi Petet in mid July, and a Young Indonesian Film Circle Workshop in conjunction with the Ubud Writers and Readers Festival in early October this year, BALINALE has also invited accomplished film producer Davina Belling to conduct two other workshops during the Festival on what is involved in developing and putting a film together. Davina, who served as co-chair of BAFTA LA, was on the committee for the Academy of Motion Pictures Nicholls Fellowship Screenwriting Contest and participated in Writer's Block panel seminars, has produced numerous films over 38 years. Her company, Film and General Productions, produced renowned films such as Norman Jewison's 'Other People's Money' and Franco Zeffirelli's 'Tea With Mussolini', and most recently won the BAFTA Award for Best Children's Television Drama with 'The Giblets Boys'.

BALINALE promises six exciting days of entertainment with a broad range of cinematic expressions starting with opening night film from Australia 'Mary and Max', a clayography feature film from writer/director Adam Elliot and the creators of the Academy Award winning short animation 'Harvie Krumpet'. A spectrum



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of international films such as 'Princes of Africa' (Spain/Senegal), 'Tokyo Sonata' (Japan), 'Oh My God' (UK), 'Valentino: The Last Emperor' (USA), 'Kanchivaram' (India), 'Il Divo' (Italy) to name a few will be shown interspersing with locally produced films such as 'Meraih Mimpi', 'Drupadi', 'Blood & Milk', 'Pasangan Baru' and 'Darah dan Dupa'.

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BALINALE International Film Festival

BALINALE was established in 2007 by Bali Film Center to provide an opportunity for international filmmakers to screen films to an Indonesian market while at the same time exposing the country's unique culture, rich story ideas, and diverse locations to the international filmmaking community, as part of the mission to present Bali and Indonesia in the global film industry as a location rich in potentials for film productions and to promote the viable, creative and talented local Indonesian film industry .

BALINALE's Young Indonesian Film Circle

The workshops aim to increase cultural exchange, understanding and collaboration between Indonesia and the world through script-writing and film-making workshops and seminars in Indonesia and abroad.

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