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11th Asian Film Festival

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LYON, CAPITAL OF ASIA

From November 8 to 13, 2005, Lyon will welcome the 11th Asian Film Festival. In the program : international or European premieres, previews, retrospectives and panoramas, a short and feature films competition, and a special selection from Korea, the festival guest of honor.

Every November since now 11 years, Asia migrates to other latitudes to invest Lyon and its cinema theaters. From November 8 to 13, 2005, the Asian Cinemas and Cultures Festival will open its gates in the four corners of the town. This 11th meeting will offer to enthusiasts and curious of Asian world a new opportunity to have a different look on a different cinema.

The selection will allow 50 short and feature films coming from 9 different countries. This year again, eclecticism will not be forgotten : beside a competition comprising the best of art films, the festival promises to its audiences different international or European premieres, original movies, retrospectives and panoramas, presented by many directors and performers. At this occasion, the Korean young cinema will hold center stage.

Animation cinema will be in the limelight with the 100% Manga night, and the Japan Touch Convention, with its stands, screenings and activities. This year will also see the birth of a new branch of the competition with the price of best animation film. Moreover the edition receives for the first time a new documentary program and a young audience selection.

Out of movie theatres, the festival offers a real artistic route including expositions, initiations to different Asian arts (cooking, ikebana, calligraphy,...), and dancing or musical performances.

Finally, this 11th edition will inaugurate the Asian film showcase, a professional meeting between Asian producers, coming to present in international first show their movies (sometimes unfinished), and French or European buyers. A conference dealing with "Korean cinema : end of a cultural exception ? " will be organized.

From November 8 to 13, 2005, come and enjoy the show in the capital of Asian cinema.

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