

ETOILES & TOILES D'ASIE
12th Asian Cinemas and Cultures festival
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LYON CAPITAL OF ASIA

**From November 7th to 13th of 2006,
the 12th edition of Lyon Asian Film will take place in Lyon.**

**On programme : 10 international or european premieres,
20 previews and premieres,
retrospectives and panoramas, short and feature films in competition, and spotlight wide opened on
Thaïlande, the festival guest of honour.**

Every November since now 12 years, Asia migrates to other latitudes to invest Lyon and its cinema theaters. From November 7th to 13th of 2006, the Lyon Asian Films Festival will open its gates all over the city to spread around forty places. From India to Japan, through China, the 12th Asian Films Festival will be an unavoidable rendez-vous for all the fans and those ones who are keen on the Asian continent.

The selection will count about 80 feature films and short films coming from 12 countries. One more year, eclectism will turn up on cue : besides a competition gathering the best of indi and author's cinema, the festival will promise several international and national premieres, previews, retrospectives and panoramas, in the presence of directors and actors.

We will turn our wide attention to the young Thai cinema with a panorama of 10 films, a round table and the launch of the first book/DVD about Thai cinema, in french language.

Animated films will take an important place with several films in competition, including a world premiere with the director's presence, Dybex will celebrate its 10th birthday in Lyon with 8 films on programme, Toei Animation will introduction their Ga-nime, a completely new kind of animated film, and to conclude : the Japan Touch Convention #7 with stands, projections and animations. Young public won't be forgotten : discovering of asians culture and image culture, through various films, tales, exhibitions and initiations studios.

The festival also invite to a real artistic course, following exhibitions, initiation to different asian arts (cooking, Ikebana, calligraphy) and dance or music performance.

Really enough to enjoy everybody !

**From November 7th to 13th of 2006, Lyon will proudly wear the asian colour.
Join us in the capital of Asian cinema.**

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