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Marina Bay Sands rolls out the red carpet for cinema elite

Stories and celebrities come alive at the Singapore International Film Festival's only venue for red carpets

Singapore (23 November 2015) – Catch the glitz and glamour at Marina Bay Sands, the festival's returning presenting sponsor, as it rolls out the red carpet for film glitterati attending this year's 26th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) . From 26 November to 6 December, fans of all ages are invited to come down and catch a glimpse of their favourite stars as they grace the only venue in town to hold all five red carpets associated with this year's festival.



(L-R): Action superstar Michelle Yeoh, Singaporean film director Eric Khoo, and British actor Dev Patel will be walking the red carpet at Marina Bay Sands during SGIFF

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Marina Bay Sands will also be hosting a series of "In Conversation With" dialogue sessions during the festival, where guests will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get up close and personal with the cast of Singaporean filmmaker Eric Khoo's latest *In The Room*, UK film director Matthew Brown's *The Man Who Knew Infinity*, and internationally-acclaimed actress and producer Michelle Yeoh.

These exclusive sessions are among the myriad of ways in which Marina Bay Sands lends support to the festival under its Sands for Singapore CSR programme. The aim is to help showcase homegrown talents, increase awareness about film culture and the community, and raise the profile of the industry.

Celebrities expected at this year's festival include *Slumdog Millionaire* star Dev Patel, who has most recently captured the hearts of audiences through his performances in movies such as British comedy-drama *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and Golden Globe-nominated television series *The Newsroom*. Action superstar Michelle Yeoh, Golden Horse awards winner Yeo Yann Yann, and Singaporean film director Eric Khoo will also grace this year's star-studded event. Adding to the star power are local television celebrities Zoe Tay, Tay Ping Hui, Shaun Chen and Julie Tan.

On 4 December, the integrated resort will also hold its first-ever red carpet on the iconic Sands SkyPark, as it welcomes the film glitterati at celebrity chef restaurant Spago by Wolfgang Puck. Fresh from their latest film *The Man Who Knew Infinity*, actor Patel and film director Matthew Brown will be making a special appearance for this inaugural event and the premiere of their movie in Singapore

On 5 December 2015, the stars will dazzle the crowd at the by-invite-only SGIFF Silver Screen Awards held at Sands Theatres. First introduced by the festival in 1991, the awards recognise the talents of new and upcoming filmmakers, many of whom have gone on to become prominent filmmakers. Among the prestigious awards presented is the inaugural Cinema Legend Award, which will be given out actress and producer Michelle Yeoh.

Celebrities Yeoh, Dev Patel and celebrity chef Daniel Boulud are expected to walk the red carpet at the Sands Theatre Foyer following the awards ceremony, before attending a Benefit Dinner at db Bistro & Oyster Bar at Marina Bay Sands.

The Opening Film - *Panay* (Taiwan) - and a series of Special Presentation Films will be screened at Marina Bay Sands and attended by the films cast and directors. Tickets to the Opening Film are priced at S\$25 each and tickets to the Special Presentation Films are priced at S\$15 each (excludes booking fee).

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The films and red carpet events that are open to the public are:

- 26 Nov: *Panay* (Taiwan) featuring Ado Kaliting Pacidal and Bokeh Kosang, Sands Theatre Foyer, 6.45pm
- 27 Nov: *The Laundryman* (Taiwan) featuring Sui Tang and Yeo Yann Yann, Sands Theatre Foyer, 6.45pm
- 1 Dec: *In The Room* (Singapore), featuring Josie Ho and Choi Woo-Shik, Sands Theatre Foyer, 6.45pm
- 4 Dec: *The Man Who Knew Infinity* (UK), Sands Theatre Foyer, 6.45pm

Tickets are available via these channels:

Web: www.MarinaBaySands.com/ticketing
Phone: 6688 8826
Box Office: Marina Bay Sands MasterCard Theatres Box Office

For details of the 26th Singapore International Film Festival, visit www.marinabaysands.com/entertainment or <http://sgiff.com/>. Join the conversation online at #morethanjustfilm.

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About the Singapore International Film Festival

The Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) is the largest and longest-running film event in Singapore. Founded in 1987, the festival has become an iconic event in the Singapore arts calendar that is widely attended by international film critics, and recognised worldwide for its focus on Asian filmmakers and the promotion of Southeast Asian films. The SGIFF is committed to nurturing and championing local and regional talents in the art of filmmaking. The festival serves as a catalyst in igniting public interest in the arts, and encouraging artistic dialogue and cultural exchanges. The SGIFF is organised by the Singapore International Film Festival Ltd, a non-profit organisation and holds the Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status.

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