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EAST MEETS WEST

MONGOLIA: FILM FORUM + FESTIVAL, OCT 5-8, 2010 PROGRAM ANNOUNCED + WEBSITE LAUNCHED

With less than two weeks remaining until the opening of the inaugural **East Meets West Film Festival + Forum** in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the **Arts Council of Mongolia** is very happy to announce the film screening program and the launch of the official festival website.

East Meets West will take place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from **October 5 – 8, 2010**. With support from the Asia-Europe Foundation's Asia-Europe Cultural Partnerships Initiatives program and the Open Society Institute's Arts + Culture Program and a host of local donors, ACM will bring together filmmakers and film industry professionals from Asia, Europe, Central Asia, the USA and Mongolia for this very special event, the first of its kind ever to be held in the country.

The film industry in Mongolia is currently in a state of flux, and local filmmakers struggle to make an impact at an international level. As such, ACM identified a great need to bring support and recognition from the global filmmaking community to Mongolia.

A panel of international guests has been invited to meet in Ulaanbaatar to share ideas, screen films and work with Mongolian filmmakers to further the local industry. East Meets West will consist of film screenings with post-viewing discussions and Q+A sessions, a day forum focused on the global film industry and workshops for up-and-coming Mongolian filmmakers.

Information on all films and participants can be found at: www.eastmeetswest.mn. A limited number of tickets to all film screenings (except the Opening Night event) will be available free to the public. As they are offered on a 'first come, first served' basis, we strongly suggest arriving at the venue as early as possible to secure a seat. Please see below for the film screening program.

EAST MEETS WEST FILM PROGRAM OCT 5-8, 2010

TENGIS CINEMA, ULAANBAATAR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

OPENING NIGHT FILM PREMIERE (Invite only)

6.30pm **OPERATION TATAR** Mongolia
Presented by director B. Baatar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

6pm **CUT UP – SCHOOL** France
Presented by Daniel Khamdamov

7pm **ANTIQUÉ** Korea
Presented by director Min Kyu-Dong

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

6pm **SLOVENIAN GIRL** Slovenia /Germany
Presented by Nadja Dumah

8pm **THE LIGHT THIEF** Kyrgyzstan
Presented by Ulan Isakbekov

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

5pm **NO SUBTITLES NECESSARY: LASZLO + VILMOS** USA
Presented by director James Chressanthis

7pm **MUNDANE HISTORY** Thailand
Presented by director Anocha Suwichakornpong

M-CLUB CINEMA, ULAANBAATAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL

10am-1pm

EXPERIMENT OF THE CROSS Kazakhstan
Presented by director Vladmir Tyulkin

CHEMO Poland
Presented by Maciej Nowicki

The East Meets West Film Forum and Festival is facilitated by the Arts Council of Mongolia and supported by the Asia-Europe Foundation's AECPI program and the Open Society Institute's Arts + Culture Network Program.



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