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**Second List of Nominated Films for the 17th Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) Released**
**Featuring Incredible Films by Renowned Filmmakers from Around the World**

**Jaipur, 5th December 2024:** The second list of nominated films for the 17th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) has been released. This list includes 42 exceptional films from 19 countries, including 17 feature films. Previously, the first list featured 170 films from 41 countries. This selection showcases the finest films across various categories, representing diverse aspects and stories of world cinema. A total of 1651 films from 77 countries were submitted for the first list, while the second list received 477 films from 46 countries.

Founder Director of JIFF, Hanu Roj, shared that this year, several feature films will have their World and Indian premieres at the festival. These films will have their first screenings in Jaipur during JIFF, offering a unique opportunity for cinema enthusiasts.

This year, JIFF is themed "Cinematic Olympics," presenting the festival in a new and broader form. A total of 53 feature films and 100 short films have been selected from both lists, marking the largest selection in any film festival compared to others worldwide.

**Key Films:**

* **"My Melbourne"**: A unique comedy-drama anthology from Australia, addressing social issues. Directed by prominent filmmakers like Imtiaz Ali, Kabir Khan, Onir, and Rima Das, the film, which is about two hours long, is yet to be released. It is presented in English, Bengali, Hindi, Dari, and Australian languages.
* **"Maa Kali"**: A deep and sensitive film starring famous Indian actors Raima Sen and Abhishek Singh. Directed by Vijay Yelakanti, this 2.5-hour film is presented in Telugu, Bengali, and Hindi. Set against the backdrop of the Citizenship Amendment Act, it portrays the struggles of refugees in India.
* **"Sira"**: A two-hour drama and revenge film directed by Apolline Traore from Burkina Faso, France, Germany, and Senegal. In French and Fulani, it has been nominated for the Oscars. The film tells the story of a brave young woman facing terrorism and injustice.
* **"At the Heart of the Games"**: A documentary feature directed by Jules and Gideon Naudet. This French documentary, presented in English for one hour, is the official film of the Paris 2024 Olympics. It captures the spirit, preparation, and excitement of the games, focusing on the athletes, organizers, and behind-the-scenes aspects of Paris’ hosting.

The festival will be held from 17th to 21st January 2025 at the Rajasthan International Center, INOX GT Central (five screens), Cinema on Wheels (two screens), and Rajasthan Adult Education Society in Jaipur.

For more information, visit [www.jiffindia.org](http://www.jiffindia.org).

Note: The list of selected films - <https://www.jiffindia.org/images/NominatedFilms2ndList5DecJIFF25_F.pdf>

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