



To Die Like a Man

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With around 100 movies from across the globe showing at the World Film Festival of Bangkok, choosing the ones to see can be a bit daunting. For a primer on the eclectic selection, we asked festival programmer Pathompong Manakitsomboon to give us a list of 10 titles he doesn't want to miss. Here it is, in inverse order of preference.

- 10. The Inheritors**
Photographer-turned-director Eugenio Polgovsky gives this unblinking look at the hard-scrabble realities of the Mexican countryside, where child labourers toil in hazardous conditions. November 11 at 7pm.
- 9. CalArts Shorts: Portrait**
Documentaries from Women's Perspective
Sompot Chidgasornpongse, a student at the California Institute of the Arts, curates this selection of five short



The Rat Herb

- 8. To Die Like a Man**
An ageing transsexual cabaret star in Lisbon is under pressure from her young boyfriend to finally have that sex-change operation - before it's too late.
- 7. Face**
The latest feature from Taiwanese director Tsai Ming-liang - tonight he receives the festival's Lotus Award for cinematic achievement - is a surreal look at a movie being shot in Paris' Louvre museum and the problems that arise during the production. Tsai's regular star Lee Kang-sheng plays the director, with a French cast that includes Fanny Ardant, Jean-Pierre Leaud and Laetitia Casta.
- 6. The Korean Wedding Chest**
Tapping into the trend for all things Korean is German director Ulrike Ottinger, whose documentary examines

Film heaven



- old and new wedding customs, and the professional guardians of the ancient rites who fuss over the tiniest details.** November 10 at 1pm and November 12 at 3:30pm.
- 5. Father of My Children**
A film producer struggles to balance his family life with his increasingly demanding job. But too many productions, too many risks and too many debts take their toll. Despair looms. November 11 at 8:15pm and November 13 at 1:15pm.
- 4. Gulabi Talkies**
Not every movie that comes out of India is a Bollywood song-and-dance

number. From the Kannada-language Sandalwood industry comes this comedy that looks at mass media and its effect on a rural village. Umashree won best actress at the National Film Awards for her portrayal of a middle-aged woman whose life changes when she gets her village's first satellite TV. It's by veteran director Girish Kasaravalli. November 13 at 7pm and November 14 at 1:30pm

3. The Rat Herb
An encounter between a man and a woman in a cemetery continues with the promise of eternal love that is filled with surreal eroticism that could only come from veteran Brazilian director J2lio Bressane. November 10 at 11am.

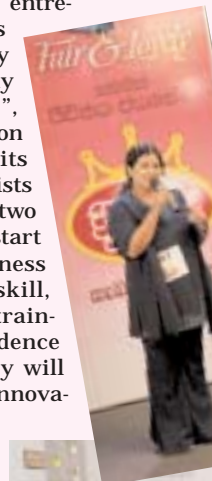
2. Jonah Who Will Be 25 in the Year 2000
Alain Tanner, the subject of the festival's Retrospective, directed this 1976 classic drama about a group of friends who strive to keep the flames of radicalism burning in the years following the revolutions that swept Europe in 1968. Their bonds are strengthened by the birth of a child named Jonah. November 11 at 11am.

1. Mundane History
The festival's opening film is the debut feature by indie Thai director Anocha 'Mai' Suwichakornpong, and it arrives in Bangkok after a celebrated premiere at the Pusan festival last month. This family drama is about a paralysed young man, his distant father, a male nurse hired to care for the son and the clan's once-grand estate. Controversial for its nudity and sex, there are allegories to Thai society in the characters. November 12 at 9:45pm.

Fair & Lovely Diriya Sihinaya 2009 commences

Envisioning to make unfulfilled dreams a reality, Fair and Lovely recently launched their reality competition targeting both urban and rural Sri Lankan women who are struggling to make their entrepreneurial dreams come true. Aptly titled "Fair & Lovely Diriya Sihinaya 2009", the reality competition has now reached its peak, where 10 finalists will compete to win two million, a chance to start off their own business using their life skill, together with the training, courage, confidence and the strength they will receive from this innovative program.

The team behind Fair & Lovely Diriya Sihinaya announced their call for contestants through pamphlets enclosed in all Fair & Lovely products and through Fair & Lovely representatives visiting garment factories and regional education-



ered a wide array of topics branching from self confidence & interpersonal skills to management, banking & finance, thereby equipping contestants with the practical hands-on skills that they would require when setting up their businesses. Finally, through further screening at the workshop, only ten contestants were selected to proceed. However, the rest of the contestants did not walk away empty handed either - instead they left the program with a solid foundation in the fundamentals of building their own business and also the courage and belief in themselves to achieve their dreams.

The ten finalists standing at the start of their journey with Fair & Lovely Diriya Sihinnaya come from very different backgrounds and originate from various parts of Sri Lanka. They all have different dreams that vary from a typical female occupation such as running their very own salons to a business as unimaginable as a motorcycle garage in a female world - but they all have one passion in common - to make their dreams a reality. For thirteen weeks, the finalists will live together in

one house and participate in weekly entrepreneur oriented challenges where their entrepreneurial skills and practical working knowledge will be put to the test - a revolutionary challenge for all courageous Sri Lankan women.

The competition is now aired weekly on Derana-TV every Saturday 7pm, where at the end of each week, a contestant will be eliminated by the general public by sending their votes in via SMS. Whilst the winner will be the sole beneficiary of one million rupees, the nine eliminated contestants will also have the opportunity of walking away with another one million rupees in total, together with the priceless collection of skill, knowledge and contacts to establish their business dreams.



Over one hundred hand picked models will turn heads as they glide the catwalk this month sporting slinky slips of inky black hair, puffballs of tufted hair clumps and pomaded masterpieces. The Ramani Fernando Sunilk Hair Academy's annual graduation show will present the trendiest hair fashion looks in cut, colour and style.

Titled Hair Art 2009, the event will introduce new hairstyling techniques and trends in cutting, shaving and



Hair Art 2009

moulding hair into signature and statement styles. The show is a presentation of skills by the graduating students of the academy where eighty of them will compete in more of an art show than a test of salon skills. Produced by well known show producer and choreographer Senaka De Silva, Hair Art 2009 promises to be a spectacular event.

Every year Sunilk offers twenty scholarships to select outstanding candidates passionate about pursuing a career in hairdressing at the academy. The Ramani Fernando Sunilk Hair & Beauty Academy is Sri Lanka's best known hairdressing & beauty school, where students are inspired to explore



their passion in creativity while helping them learn the business to embark on a fun and rewarding career in the beauty and hairdressing industry.

The HEAT continues at the Margarita Blue

The Filipinos are back again at the 'happening' place in Colombo - the Margarita Blue Pub of the Galadari Hotel. With the season fast approaching, the hotel's resident band, Aquarius, have revamped themselves to dish out those sizzling hot sounds and fever-pitch excitement, generally associated with the festivities, at the Margarita Blue, four nights of the week - Wednesday to Saturday.

The initial hot stuff comes in the form of Ice (from the Philippines), who is already a part of the band. This is her second stint with Aquarius at the Margarita Blue. She will be joined shortly by another dynamic Filipino singer. Aquarius have

also made a line-up change - bringing in Sanjeewa Udyanahewa as replacement for keyboardist Ray.

Sanjeewa is also a flamboyant frontline singer, with years of experience - having first performed with Dreamteam.

He was also a member of Red Serendib that played in Oman and the Maldives.

Later, he had his own group, Spark, and did a two-year stint in Dubai

With Sanjeewa in the scene, plus two Filipino female singers, the atmosphere at the Margarita Blue will certainly heat up to the maximum as the season approaches.

The Pub offers games such as Darts, Snooker and Pool while you enjoy the best and latest in sports on giant screen.

The Margarita Blue - A place to be.



Sanjeewa



'Commerce Day' at Wesley College

The Commerce Union of Wesley College holds its annual 'Commerce Day' at 2.30 pm on Thursday 12 November in the College Hall.

The theme this year is "Globalisation through Effective Communication".

Chief guest at this event will be CEO Delmage Marketing Pvt Ltd Mr. Dinesh Nalliah, an old boy of Wesley College.

The keynote speaker at this event will be media consultant and TV host Mr. Daya Abeysikera.

Commerce Day is an annual event at Wesley College and this year plays host to around 300 AL students from different schools in Colombo.