2016

First Half Program



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Ernie Biscuit

2015 Australia 21min English



The Bélier family is deaf, except for

16-year-old Paula. When her music

teacher discovers she has a

opportunity to enter a big

and leave cynicism at home."

R Siemienowicz, SBS Movies

Radio France contest.

"Take tissues

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He has a funny name. He's got a disability. He is terribly lonely... He is Ernie Biscuit, a deaf Parisian taxidermist. Enjoy the latest "clayography" from Academy Award winner Adam Elliot.

"With perseverance and courage, anyone can succeed. Be the windscreen, not the insect." Joseph Banham, UK Film Review

Tangerines

2015 Estonia 87min MA15+ Estonian



Immigrant farmers take in two wounded soldiers from opposite sides. The fighters vow to kill each other, but their recovery period has a humanising effect that might transcend ethnic divides.

"Engaging, intelligent anti-war storytelling."

Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

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The Bélier Family

2015 France, Belgium 106min M French



The Mafia Only Kills in Summer 2015 Italy 90min M Italian

This subversive, irreverent feature is about a young boy whose obsession with the Mafia's casual presence surpasses his passion for the beautiful schoolmate with whom he is in love.

"A silly love story during Italy's war with the Mafia. It actually works!" G. Allen Johnson, San Francisco Chronicle

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Maps to the Stars

2014 France 111min MA15+ English



Driven by the need for fame and validation, members of a dysfunctional Hollywood dynasty have lives as dramatic as any movie.

"You can laugh with Maps to the Stars, but you can't laugh it off. Prepare to be knocked for a loop." Peter Travers, Rolling Stone

Black Sea

2015 Russia, USA, UK 114min M English



A rogue submarine captain pulls together a misfit crew to go after sunken treasure lost in the depths of the Black Sea, Greed and desperation take control causing the men to turn on each other.

"A rattling good ride — and plunge." David Edelstein, New York Magazine

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Palio

2015 UK 91min PG Italian



Carver is a charismatic businessman making a killing repossessing homes. Nathan is a recent evictee, so desperate that he goes to work for Carver - it's a dealwith-the-devil.

"If 99 Homes is a scolding look at a society gone astray, it is also a minor masterpiece of suspense. A. O. Scott, New York Times

oldest horse race, the Palio. Strategy, bribery and corruption figure as much as the rider's skills. When the madness begins the jockeys are in the eye of the storm.

"The races last no more than 90 seconds each but Palio packs enough intrigue to practically fuel a miniseries. Frank Scheck, The Hollywood Reporter

Siena goes crazy for the world's

99 Homes

2015 USA 112min M English

Umrika



Fearing an environmental collapse,

an apocalyptic-minded girl joins an

army boot camp to learn survival

skills. Excited by her wild ideas, a

boy signs up too but it's tougher than they'd imagined.

"An expertly handled and brilliantly

- falling in love and surviving ." John Bleasdale, CineVue **★★★★**賞

performed comedy with an original twist

An Indian village is invigorated when a young man travels to America (Umrika) and sends letters home. But when the letters mysteriously stop coming, his younger brother sets out to find him.

"Umrika's subtle exploration of migration is exquisitely painful."

Paul Byrnes, Sydney Morning Herald

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Marshlands

2014 Spain 105min Spanish

It's 1980 and Spain is still more of an oppressive dictatorship than a free democracy. Sent to locate missing teenage sisters, two detectives are at odds with a closed community.

"Its greatest strength is finding resolution while letting the mystery be.' Serena Donadoni, The Village Voice

Love at First Fight

2014 France 100min M French



An author of books on the subject of customer service struggles to connect with people. On a routine business trip, he meets Lisa, a stranger with a unique voice

"This is a movie with wit to burn and enough incidental touches that the total achievement feels immense." Catherine Shoard, The Guardian



Anomalisa

The Nightingale

2015 China, France 100min G Mandarin



A journey into the realm of elusive

millions on instruments. The deadly

jostle with the purity of philanthropy

"The world of classical music can be as

tones and investors who spend

sins of lust, jealousy and greed

and sonic perfection.

stormy as rock 'n' roll."

Maggie Lee, Variety

Zhigen decides to journey alone to his native village. But his young, spoiled granddaughter has to come with him. They share adventures that will change them forever.

"Li's quiet strength as the grandfather grounds the film in a gentle, simple and appealing way."

G. Allen Johnson, San Francisco Chronicle

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X+Y (A Brilliant Young Mind)

2015 UK 111min M English



Nathan finds the comfort and security he needs in mathematics. It becomes clear that his talents are enough to win him a place on the team competing at the International Mathematics Olympiad.

"A Brilliant Young Mind is not the film you think it is. It's better." Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times

Highly Strung

2015 Australia 99min English



Residents of London Road struggled with frequent soliciting and kerb-crawling. Then the bodies of five women were discovered. A gripping story of ordinary people during their darkest experience.

"Utterly gripping, macabre but finally very moving cine-opera. Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

London Road

2015 UK 93min MA15+ English



Alliance Française de Townsville French Film Festival

The Measure of a Man

2015 France 97min PG French



At the age of 51 and after 20 months on unemployment, Thierry starts a new job that soon brings him face to face with a moral dilemma. How much is he willing to accept to keep his job?

"We're given a superhero whose only special power is his towering grace. Scott Foundas, Variety

Macadam Stories

2015 France 100min French



A wonderfully surreal, human drama set against the unlikely backdrop of a run-down housing estate. Improbable encounters bring tenderness and compassion to a world of urban alienation.

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The Hollywood Reporter

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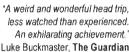
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Spear

2015 Australia 84min M Stephen Page English

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On a journey of initiation, a young Aboriginal man sets off to understand what it means to exist in a modern day world.









Tanna 2015 Vanuatu 100min M Bentley Dean, Martin Butler Nauvhal

A young couple seeks to avoid arranged marriages. They spark a struggle between tradition and demands for individual freedom.

"A consummate visual achievement. Like the trees and the birds, the frame feels alive. Luke Buckmaster, The Guardian







2016 Film Critics Circle of Australia

Rams

2015 Iceland 92min M Grimur Håkonarson Icelandic



Film Festival

Two sheep farming brothers who haven't spoken for forty years come together when of one of their flocks is infected by scrapie,

"A beguiling gem about men who love sheep... this meant with sincerity rather than a smirk

Paul Bymes, Sydney Morning Herald

God Willing

2015 Italy 87min M Edoardo Falcone Italian



rilm Festival Audience Award

2015 David di Donatello Awards Best New Director A young man decides to enter the priesthood. His father, an atheist surgeon, fails to accept this decision and tries to bring down the priest who caused the family upheaval,

"It's not about any "leap of faith" - it's about open-mindedness and the courage to change one's attitudes.

Olga Lenczewska, Istituto Europeo

Our Little Sister

2015 Japan 126min PG Hirokazu Koreeda Japanese

Three sisters attend their father's funeral and encounter Suzu, their shy teenage half-sister. Suzu agrees to live with the others and a life of joyful discovery begins.

> Universal and immensely appealing. Leisurely with much of the drama unfolding beneath the surface." David Stratton, The Australian



2015 Japan Film Academy

2016 Yokohama Film Festival

Sweet Red Bean Paste (An)

2015 Japan 113min M Naomi Kawase Japanese

A bakery makes traditional pancakes filled with sweet red bean paste. An elderly woman is employed but she makes the pancakes according to her own recipe. Business booms overnight.

> "A kind of visual poetry; profoundly touching and masterfully told." Nina Hudson, The Upcoming





2015 São Paulo Film Festival

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Best Actress 2015 Asia Pacific



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Mustang

Awards

2015 France, Turkey 97min M Deniz Gamze Ergüven Turkish



Film Festival

In a Turkish village five orphaned sisters live under strict rule while members of their family prepare their arranged marriages.

"A coming-of-age fable mapped onto a prison break - at once dream-hazed and sharp-edged with suspense Anthony Lane, The New Yorker

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The Look of Silence

2014 Indonesia 103min M Joshua Oppenheimer Indonesian



A man whose brother was murdered in Indonesia's 1965 purge of "communists," confronts the men who carried out the killings.

"In a way, I wish I'd never seen this film, because now I won't be able to forget it. But that's the point...

Joe Morgenstern, Wall Street Journal

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2015 Nuremberg Human Rights Film Festival Prize of Honour

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The Diary of a Teenage Girl 2015 USA 102min MA15+ Marielle Heller English

Simshar

2014 Malta 101min M Rebecca Cremona Maltese

Based on the true story of an illfated voyage of a small fishing boat. Included is the larger, more contentious question of the flood of North African refugees into Europe.

"Its layered and poignant stories unfold with a tender humanity, while questioning the assumptions of the authorities." David Stratton, The Australian 食肉白素



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Mannheim-Heidelberg Film Festival 2015

Clouds of Sils Maria

2014 France 124min MA15+ Olivier Assayas French, German

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A veteran actress comes face-toface with an uncomfortable reflection of herself when she agrees to take part in a revival of the play that launched her career

"A tangled triangle – an ageing actress, a younger rival and an assistant. Jake Wilson, Sydney Morning Herald



2014 Prix Louis Delluc

Film Critics Circle
Best Supporting Actress

Son of Saul

2015 Hungary 107min MA15+ László Nemes French, Hungarian



2016 Best Foreign Language Film

Grand Prix

Saul, a Jewish prisoner at Auschwitz, discovers the corpse of a boy he takes for his son. He decides to pursue an impossible task; save the child's body from the flames and provide a proper burial,

A horror movie of extraordinary focus and courage."

Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

Grand Prix
Generation 14+ Best First Feature

A precocious 15-year-old embarks on a sexual odyssey. What follows is a sharp, funny and provocative account of her sexual and artistic

"It's morally complex and sometimes uncomfortably close to the bone, but also lushly bawdy and funny.

Leslie Felperin, The Guardian

awakening, without judgment.

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Sherpa

2015 Australia, Nepal 90min M Jennifer Peedom English

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A massive ice block crashed down Mount Everest killing 16 Sherpas. The disaster provoked a reappraisal of the Sherpas' role on the mountain.

"She gives the tour guides and their rich charges just enough rope to hang themselves, and they duly oblige. Tom Huddleston, Time Out London



Film Festival
Grierson Award
Best Documentary

Arts Festival

Dheepan 2015 France 115min MA15+ Jacques Audiard Tamil, French

A freedom fighter flees Sri Lanka taking a woman and a girl, hoping they will make asylum easier. The violence he confronts in Paris causes him to reconnect with his warrior's instincts

> *Dheepan digs into your soul. Tim Robey, The Telegraph





Film Festival

Miami International Film Festival

The Tale of the Princess Kaguya

2013 Japan 137min PG Isao Takahata Japanese



A tiny nymph found inside a bamboo stalk grows into a beautiful and desirable young woman. She orders her suitors to prove their love by completing a series of near-impossible tasks

"Both very simple and head-spinningly confounding, a thing of endless visual beauty. It's a true work of art." Glenn Kenny, RogerEbert.com



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