

# FAR EAST FILM FESTIVAL 23

ALL THE FILMS AT A GLANCE/ LINE-UP 2021  
[OFFLINE + ONLINE AND TERRITORIAL RESTRICTIONS]

## COMPETITION SECTION [45]

### CHINA [7]

*The Eight Hundred (800 Eroi)*, GUAN Hu, *heroic war-epic blockbuster*, China 2020, European Festival Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Anima*, CAO Jinling, *Mother Nature rules!*, China 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*  
*Back to the Wharf*, LI Xiaofeng, *modern noir*, China 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Before Next Spring*, LI Gen, *Chinese students lost in Tokyo*, China 2021, World Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*  
*Cliff Walkers*, ZHANG Yimou, *a great spy action story*, China 2021, International Festival Premiere – OFFLINE ONLY [OPENING FILM]  
*Endgame*, RAO Xiaozhi, *offbeat black crime comedy*, China 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Like Father and Son*, BAI Zhiqiang, *tear-jerking road-movie*, China 2020, International Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE (EXCEPT CHN, HK, TW, MAC) \*

### HONG KONG [11 + 1]

*Coffin Homes*, Fruit CHAN, *handmade horror*, HK 2021, World Premiere – OFFLINE ONLY  
*Limbo*, Soi CHEANG, *super-fierce thriller*, HK 2021, Italian Premiere – ONLINE USA, EUROPE ONLY  
*Shock Wave 2*, Herman YAU, *bomb-ridden spectacle*, HK 2020, International Festival Premiere – ONLINE EUROPE (EXCEPT ESP, AND) [GALA] [OPENING ONLINE FILM]  
*The Way We Keep Dancing*, Adam WONG, *hip-hop hit*, HK 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE

### Hong Kong New Talents

*Drifting*, Jun LI, *homeless in the city*, HK 2021, Italian Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE (EXCEPT CHN)  
*Hand Rolled Cigarette*, CHAN Kin-long, *elegant crime*, HK 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE EUROPE ONLY\*  
*JUST 1 DAY*, Erica LI, *nostalgic romance*, HK 2021, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\* [GALA]  
*One Second Champion*, CHIU Sin-hang, *boxing, action - fantasy*, HK 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE (EXCEPT CHN)  
*Sugar Street Studio*, Sunny LAU, *film industry horror*, HK 2021, International Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE\*  
*Time*, Ricky KO, *assassins in golden years*, HK 2021, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*  
*Zero to Hero*, Jimmy WAN, *Paralympic hero biopic*, HK 2021, World Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*

### Macao

*Madalena*, Emily CHAN, *metropolitan love story*, Macao 2021, World Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY

### INDONESIA [1]

*Death Knot*, Cornelio SUNNY, *horror from the past*, Indonesia 2021, World Premiere – ONLINE EUROPE ONLY\*

### JAPAN [10]

*Blue*, YOSHIDA Keisuke, *"never give up" boxing story*, Japan 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE EUROPE (EXCEPT ESP, AND)  
*The Goldfish: Dreaming of the Sea*, OGAWA Sara, *hand-in-hand youth drama*, Japan 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*  
*Hold Me Back*, OHKU Akiko, *a voice in my head and a quirky trip to Rome*, Japan 2020, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Ito*, YOKOHAMA Satoko, *play shamisen and be happy*, Japan 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE EUROPE ONLY  
*Last of the Wolves*, SHIRAIISHI Kazuya, *dazzling extreme gangster movie*, Japan 2021, International Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Midnight Swan*, UCHIDA Eiji, *ballet and burlesque transgender melodrama*, Japan 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*jigoku-no-hanazono OFFICE ROYALE*, SEKI Kazuaki, *violent femmes and mega punches*, Japan 2021, International Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY [GALA] \*  
*Underdog, part 1 & part 2*, TAKE Masaharu, *Japan's answer to Raging Bull*, Japan 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy*, HAMAGUCHI Ryusuke, *three love rendezvous*, Japan 2021, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY [GALA]  
*You're Not Normal, Either!*, MAEDA Koji, *please teach me how to flirt*, Japan 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY

### MALAYSIA [1]

*Hail, Driver!* Muzzamer RAHMAN, *lonely souls in Kuala Lumpur*, Malaysia 2021, European Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE\*

### MYANMAR [1]

*Money Has Four Legs*, Maung SUN, *cinophile dramedy*, Myanmar 2020, Italian Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE (EXCEPT FRA, CH, MMR, US, CAN, AU) \*

### THE PHILIPPINES [2]

*Fan Girl*, Antoinette JADAONE, *a fan's passion turns into a nightmare*, The Philippines 2020 – Italian Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE  
*Son of the Macho Dancer*, Joel LAMANGAN, *cruel gay coming of age*, The Philippines 2021 – International Festival Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE

### SOUTH KOREA [6]

*Deliver Us from Evil*, HONG Won Chan, *action rollercoaster from Japan to Thailand*, South Korea 2020, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Night of the Undead*, SHIN Jung-won, *sexually-supergifted-E.T.*, South Korea 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*OK! Madam*, LEE Cheol-ha, *secret agents! north koreans! the strangest airlift ever!* South Korea 2020, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Please Don't Save Me*, JUNG Yeon-kyung, *coming of age drama*, South Korea 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*  
*Seobok*, LEE Yong Zoo, *secret experiments, and an escaped clone*, South Korea 2021, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY  
*Voice of Silence*, HONG Eui-jeong, *the odd couple, the little girl and the gangsters*, South Korea 2020, Italian Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY [GALA] \*

### TAIWAN [4]

*Dear Tenant*, CHENG Yu-chieh, *an offbeat take on gay life*, Taiwan 2020, European Festival Premiere – ONLINE EUROPE ONLY  
*Gatao: The Last Stray*, Ray JIANG, *Taiwan Goodfellas and the girl*, Taiwan 2021, International Festival Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY\*  
*Man in Love*, YIN Chen-hao, *I'll love you whatever it takes...*, Taiwan 2021, International Festival Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY [GALA] \*  
*My Missing Valentine*, CHEN Yu-hsun, *something is lost...a fantastic love story*, Taiwan 2020, European Festival Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY

### THAILAND [2]

*The Con-Heartist*, Mez THARATORN, *handbook for fooling your neighbor*, Thailand 2020, European Premiere – ONLINE WORLDWIDE  
*The Maid*, Lee THONGKHAM, *blood, secrets, vengeful ghosts*, Thailand 2020, International Premiere – ONLINE ITALY ONLY

## Out of Competition [17]

### DOCUMENTARIES [6]

**A Is for Agustin**, Grace SIMBULAN, *the struggle to study*, The Philippines 2019, European Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE](#)

**Assassins**, Ryan WHITE, *a North Korean mystery*, US 2020, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE ITALY ONLY](#)

**Keep Rolling**, MAN Lim-chung, *Ann Hui and her world*, HK 2020, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE](#)

**Life in 24 Frames a Second**, SAW Tiong Guan, *4 great Asian directors speak*, Malaysia 2021, World Premiere – [ONLINE ITALY ONLY](#)

**SUMODO ~ The Successors of Samurai ~**, SAKATA Eiji, *all about sumo*, Japan 2020, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE ITALY ONLY](#)

**Tough Out**, XU Hui-jing, *the rise of a baseball hero*, China 2020, European Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE](#)

### RESTORED CLASSICS [2]

**Execution in Autumn**, LEE Hsing, *sentenced to death! ethical drama*, Taiwan 1972/restored 2020, European Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE \(EXCEPT CHN, HK, MAC\)](#)

**Suddenly in Dark Night**, GO Yeong-nam, *a sensual classic horror tale*, South Korea 1981/restored 2017, International Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE](#)

### Special Tributes

#### EDDIE GARCIA: LIFE AS A FILM EPIC [5]

##### OMAGGIO A EDDIE GARCIA: LA VITA COME UN'EPOPEA CINEMATOGRAFICA.

**At the Top**, Ishmael BERNAL, *the (under)world of cinema*, The Philippines 1971, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE](#)

**Bwakaw**, Jun Robles LANA, *the secret of a grumpy gentleman*, The Philippines 2012, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE WORLDWIDE](#)

**Rainbow's Sunset**, Joel LAMANGAN, *shadows of a gay love*, The Philippines 2018, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE ONLY WORLDWIDE](#)

**Shadows** (short), Raymond RED, *a photographer in Manila*, The Philippines 2000, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE ONLY WORLDWIDE](#)

**Sinasamba Kita**, Eddie GARCIA, *witty banter in melodrama style*, The Philippines 1982, Italian Premiere – [ONLINE ONLY WORLDWIDE](#)

#### POTERE E SEGRETI: IL MONDO CINEMATOGRAFICO DI YOON JONG-BIN [4]

##### POWER AND SECRETS: THE CINEMATIC WORLD OF YOON JONG-BIN

**Beastie Boys**, YOON Jong-bin, *clubs, women and modern lifestyle in Seoul*, South Korea 2008 – [ONLINE ITALY ONLY](#)

**Kundo: Age of the Rampant**, YOON Jong-bin, *spectacular period action*, South Korea 2014 – [ONLINE ITALY ONLY](#)

**Nameless Gangster: Rules of the Time**, YOON Jong-bin, *gangsters and grifters in Busan*, South Korea 2012 – [ONLINE ITALY ONLY](#)

**The Spy Gone North**, YOON Jong-bin, *stranger-than-fiction true spy thriller*, South Korea 2018, Italian Premiere – [OFFLINE ONLY](#)

### IMPORTANTE/PLEASE NOTE

#### [OFFLINE & ONLINE] =

TUTTI I FILM VENGONO MOSTRATI OFFLINE E ONLINE SALVO LE ECCEZIONI INDICATE IN ROSSO;

ALL FILMS WILL BE SCREENED BOTH ON-SITE AND ON-LINE, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS MARKED IN RED

#### [GALA] =

PROIEZIONE ONLINE UNICA [DOVE NON INDICATO, I FILM SARANNO DISPONIBILI ONLINE PER TUTTO IL PERIODO DEL FESTIVAL]

A SINGLE ONLINE SCREENING [WHERE NOT SPECIFIED, FILMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL]

total films: 63

total countries: 11

total films in competition: 46

\* white mulberry award for first time director: 17

female directors: 10

WORLD PREMIERE: 6

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE 11

EUROPEAN PREMIERE: 22

ITALIAN PREMIERE: 21

Films available worldwide: 21

Films available in Europe: 6

Films available in Italy: 32

Films available only offline: 3