# CENTER FOR ASIAN AMERICAN MEDIA PRESENTS

# CAAMFEST36

# The Center for Asian American Media (CAAM) Presents CAAMFest36: May 10 - 24, 2018

San Francisco, CA, April 11, 2018 - The <u>Center for Asian American Media</u> (CAAM) is presents its 36th annual music, food, film, and digital media festival, <u>CAAMFest</u>, taking place May 10-24, 2018 in San Francisco and Oakland.

#### **WHAT**

An annual presentation of the <u>Center for Asian American Media</u> (CAAM), <u>CAAMFest</u> was previously known as the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival (SFIAAFF) until 2013. In the spirit of curiosity and adventure, the festival expanded from its focus on film to embrace more avenues of artistic expression and community engagement.

<u>CAAMFest</u> showcases the world's most innovative Asian and Asian American artists and storytellers in food, music, and digital media experiences that play on the themes presented in its inspired film program.

The program this year is broken down into 126 works.

There are 78 individual public events during festival.

There are 119 films or videos.

There are 10 narrative feature films.

There are 9 documentary feature films.

There are 12 different short programs and a total of 76 short films and videos.

There are 24 World premieres, 4 North American premieres, 3 US premieres, 10 West Coast premieres, and 38 San Francisco Bay Area premieres.

There are 11 special events or live performances.

There are 62 female artists, filmmakers, performers, or mediamakers featured at festival.

These works come from across the United States and the following countries:

Afghanistan Laos Cambodia Malaysia Canada Micronesia China Nepal Cuba Pakistan France Philippines Hong Kong Scotland India Singapore South Korea Japan

Taiwan Tonga

Close to 30 percent of the works have strong ties to the local Bay Area.

There are 16 works from artists from or living in San Francisco.

There are 5 works from artists from or living in Oakland.

There are 16 works with other associations to the Bay Area.

#### WHEN

This year, CAAMFest moved from a previous residence in the month of March to May. The festival has also been extended to include four additional days of programming. The move to May coincides with <a href="Asian Pacific American Heritage Month">Asian Pacific American Heritage Month</a> and additional public programming sponsored by CAAM. CAAMFest36 takes place for two weeks starting Thursday, May 10, 2018 to Thursday, May 24, 2018.

#### WHERE

CAAMFest36 takes place across various venues in San Francisco for the entirety of the festival from Thursday, May 10, 2018 to Thursday, May 24, 2018. Here is a listing of the screening venues in San Francisco:

AMC Kabuki 8, 1881 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94115

Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114

Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102

Lighthouse, 155 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103

New People Cinema, 1746 Post St, San Francisco, CA 94115

Roxie Theater, 3117 16th St., San Francisco, CA 94103

San Francisco Library, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Walt Disney Family Museum, 104 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94129

Here is a listing of the event only venues in San Francisco:

Black Cat, 400 Eddy St, San Francisco, CA 94109

China Live, 644 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133

Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, San Francisco, CA 94102

Hotel Kabuki, 1625 Post St, San Francisco, CA 94115 (this venue is limited to industry events)

The Midway, 900 Marin St, San Francisco, CA 94124

CAAMFest36 takes the festival across the Bay to Oakland starting Friday, May 18, 2018 with continued programming until the conclusion of the festival, Thursday, May 24, 2018. Here is a listing of the venues in Oakland:

Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Piedmont Theatre, 5133, 4186 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA 94611

Starline Social Club, 2236 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94612

### WHO (TICKET INFORMATION)

General admission tickets for regular screenings and panels range from \$12-\$14. CAAM Members are able to buy tickets before sales open to the general public. Ticket sales for members are available online from April 12-15 and at the box office, located at the AMC Dine-In Kabuki 8, from May 3-8. The general public will be able to buy tickets online from April 16-24 and at the box office from May 11-24. For more

information, visit the box office and ticketing information page at: http://caamfest.com/2018/box-office-and-ticketing.

## WHO (SPONSOR INFORMATION)

CAAMFest is supported in part by the following: Xfinity, AARP, Asian Art Museum, Boba Guys, 21st Century Fox Global Inclusion, Cooper White & Cooper LLP, Fitness SF, Pacific Islanders in Communications, Pacific Standard Print, San Francisco Symphony, AT&T, Girl Friday Events, Umpqua Bank, Gala Festival Engine, Film SF, Nielsen, SAG-AFTRA, University of San Francisco Masters in Asian Pacific Studies, University of San Francisco Yuchengco Philippine Studies Program, Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Consulate General of Canada, Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in San Francisco, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Just Films / Ford Foundation, Korea Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, San Francisco Grants for the Arts, Hotel Tax Fund, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

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#### **About CAAMFest:**

CAAMFest, formerly the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival (SFIAAFF), celebrates the world's largest showcase for new Asian American and Asian film, food, and music programs. Annually presenting over 120 works in the Bay Area, CAAMFest presents its 36th year from May 10-24, 2018. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.caamfest.com">http://www.caamfest.com</a>.

#### **About CAAM:**

CAAM (Center for Asian American Media) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting stories that convey the richness and diversity of Asian American experiences to the broadest audience possible by funding, producing, distributing and exhibiting works in film, television and digital media. For 38 years, CAAM has exposed audiences to new voices and communities, advancing our collective understanding of the American experience through programs specifically designed to engage the Asian American community and the public at large. For more information on CAAM, please visit <a href="http://www.caamedia.org">http://www.caamedia.org</a>.