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HAVE A TASTE! **Indonesian Winter Delicacies for the Eyes and the Soul**

The Indonesian Film Festival 2009, running from August 11-20, is offering you a wide range of cinematic delicacies. The Festival is not only about satisfying the eye, but it will also please your soul with a season of entertaining, engaging, beautiful films, screening at Melbourne's renowned ACMI and RMIT Capitol Theatre.

This year's Festival will be loaded with a vast range of Indonesian movies, each with its own feel and characteristics to satisfy your cinema hunger. Together, all the 15 films that have been hand-selected will give you a full picture of Indonesia. Not only will you see the country's contemporary culture, with her ongoing political and social problems, the Festival will also give you a gripping glimpse of Indonesia's ancient history.

9 feature films genres ranging from drama, comedy, horror to historical epic will be screened during the week, and to add the flavour of the festival, 6 short independent movies will also be shown. The Indonesian Film Festival 2009 will ensure the satisfaction of each of your taste buds.

To give you a clearer picture of our gourmet delicacy, the Festival is proud to say that it has successfully locked in some exceptional feature films that has never been shown in Indonesia before, in which one of them is regarded as highly controversial, and has been banned from public screening since its final production on 1990.

'Kantata Takwa' is a highly controversial semi-documentary that has been banned by the Indonesian government for 18 years due to its political content. Crafted and compiled by numerous talented and eccentric artists, 'Kantata Takwa' is the maker's poetic account on the repressive era of Suharto-led governance: a period also known as the 'New Order', colored with corruption, nepotism, abduction and even assassination of those who were opposed to the authoritarian power.

On top of that, the Festival will also screen 'Drupadi'. With excellent cinematography and exceptional portrayal of the characters, 'Drupadi', a brand-new historical short film based on the Mahabarata epic, will send you to a world you have never been before. While 'Kambing Jantan', a movie based on a blog-turn-novel, will show you a journey of an Indonesian student in Australia, in finding his self-identity.

The Festival will begin with multiple screenings of the most talked-about movie of 2009, 'Rainbow Troops' (Laskar Pelangi), which has officially been chosen for 2009 Indonesian Film Festival Educational Program, supported by VILTA and Wesley College.

The other feature movies that will be shown during the tastiest week of August in Melbourne are 'Macabre', 'Takut' (Faces of Fear), 'Queen Bee', 'Janda Kembang'



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(Pretty Widow), and 'Pertaruhan'. These choices will surely enrich the 'Main Menu' of the Festival. While 'A Part Of U' and 'In3cities' will be put under the 'Appetizer' menu, as the Festival's short films. These two appetizers are the official selection of Konfiden Short Film Festival 2008.

We are proud to screen 'Macabre' in our Opening Night. The bone-chilling thriller, which is also studded with a bunch of Indonesian talents, is carefully and professionally crafted by The Mo Brothers. There is no stronger feel of personal reflection that we have with Timo and Kimo, as they were Sydney-graduated Indonesian whose success is now highly respected internationally.

The Festival has also chosen 'cin(T)a' (God is a Director) as its closing film, screened on August 20, 2009. Our dessert is a delicious love story of an interracial relationship, with an unexpected flavour twist.

A free of charge panel discussion with Indonesia's prominent movie directors and actors will also be held and opened to public during the Festival. Information on this event will be given out later, as the start of the Festival is approaching.

11 special guests will join you to savour the flavor of the Indonesian film Festival 2009. Some of these prominent names in Indonesian films are Gotot Prakosa (Director of 'Kantata Takwa'), Sammaria Simanjuntak (Director of 'cin(T)a'), The MO Brothers (Directors of 'Macabre'), and several Indonesian famous actors such as Julie Estelle, Sigi Wimala, Ario Bayu, Dendy Subangil, Daniel Mananta, Shareefa Daanish and Saira Jihan.

Full Festival Program will be released on July 1 2009, and simultaneously, tickets will be available to purchase online and in person.

The Festival also invites you to actively participate, as the Indonesian Film Festival 2009 Short Film competition is now running. This is an opportunity for emerging directors and producer to expose their work to the international audience. The winning films will be screened during the festival, and will also be included and promoted through the Festival's program. The competition is closed on July 3, 2009.

Rolling on its fourth edition, The Indonesian Film Festival 2009 is bigger, richer, and tastier than ever before. Alive snapshots of the culture-packed Indonesia will not only give a new experience for the international eyes, but also offers a new perspective and a spirit-reawakening for Indonesians.

So, join us to celebrate and let your taste buds to have a taste!