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Mumbai fest pacts with Venice, Busan

Marco's Choice to feature Mueller's picks

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Chennai, India -- The Mumbai Film Festival, which runs Oct.13-20, will include packages of films from this year's Venice and Busan fests.

Marco's Choice will unspool five to seven pics from Venice chosen by the event's director, Marco Mueller.

Venice, which runs Aug. 31 to Sept. 10, has in recent years screened films by some of India's top directors including Mani Ratnam ("Raavan" in Hindi and "Raavanan" in Tamil) and Anurag Kashyap ("That Girl in Yellow Boots").

Mumbai fest director Srinivasan Narayan has worked out a similar arrangement with South Korea's Busan for Asian movies.

Narayan and Busan fest director Lee Yong-kwan signed a memorandum of understanding at the Berlin fest in February.

"This was to help the two events collaborate on artistic, educational and financial exchanges," Narayan said.

Busan, which changed its name from Pusan for the upcoming edition, runs Oct. 6-14.

The Indian fest is organized by the Mumbai Academy of Moving Images and funded by Reliance Big Entertainment.

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