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### **The European Film Festival (EUFF) returns with its longest run and renewed partnerships**

A month-long festival, a new venue in the heart of Singapore and new partnerships mark the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the European Film Festival (EUFF).

Presented by the European Union (EU) Delegation to Singapore, EUFF shines the spotlight on European cinema by bringing films to Singapore reflecting Europe’s creativity, inclusivity, and diversity. The EUFF runs at The Projector (Cineleisure) from **23<sup>rd</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. With its new screening location, the festival moves to the heart of Singapore, making it more accessible to the general public. This year’s festival presents 24 films from 24 countries over a longer festival period, reflecting on the variety of perspectives, histories, languages and cultures from across Europe.

Says **Iwona Piórko, European Union Ambassador to Singapore**: “I believe EUFF resonates with audiences here because European films are truly a celebration of cultures. Through this much-loved festival we showcase the best of contemporary European cinema as well as the richness of the craft of filmmaking from across Europe. There is beautiful unity in our diversity.



The movies not just entertain but cover issues of global relevance and speak of values and experiences that are universal and recognisable to all.”

“EUFF is a window into the intriguing world of European cinema and also offers a platform to young Singapore film-makers. We need ever more ways of championing the inspiring ideas of youth. In this context, this year, the festival broadens its partnership with Singapore filmmakers with its new partnership with the Film Facilitation Programme run by \*SCAPE, an organisation that supports the development of Singaporean youth. This complements the existing partnership with film schools: Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s School of Film & Media Studies; Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) School of Art, Design and Media; LASALLE College of the Arts Puttnam School of Film and Animation. “

EUFF, which started in 1991, is among the longest running foreign film festivals in Singapore. Through the compelling narrative of cinema, the festival promotes dialogue, encourages conversations and exchanges while upholding core EU values of respect for human dignity and inclusivity.

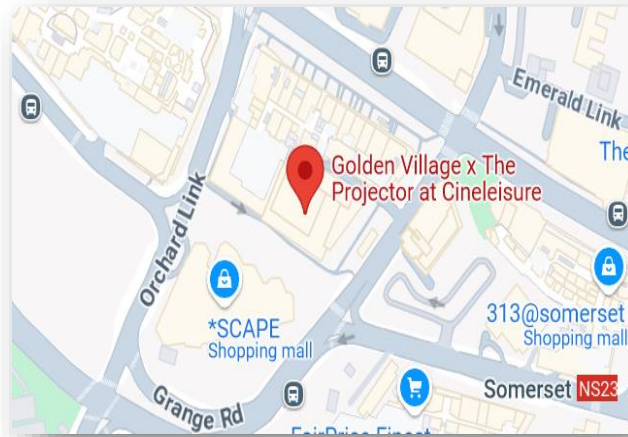
**EUFF 2024 Opening Film:** The Featured Country this year is Belgium and opens the festival with its film *Here* on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Directed by critically acclaimed filmmaker Bas Devos, this is a moving tale of fleeting encounters aided by hot soup and humble plant life. In suburban Brussels, Stefan, an unassuming Romanian construction worker prepares to leave for home. He clears out his fridge and cooks a pot of soulful borscht, passing it on to fellow kindred spirits, sowing love one bowl at a time. A chance encounter with bryologist Shuxiu blossoms into a friendship as she opens his eyes to the once-invisible growth of mosses that thrive in the city’s crevices.

**Festival Films:** EUFF offers a range of movie genres including drama, historical drama, documentary, musical, comedy and family-friendly films from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine. Films screened are recent, and have had success in their country of origin and often internationally. Visit our dedicated festival website – [www.euff.com.sg](http://www.euff.com.sg) – for detailed information about the movies and the screening schedule.

### **EUFF 2024 Dates & Ticketing**

Festival tickets are priced at \$16 and are available for sale at <https://euff.com.sg/tickets> (for movies that have received their ratings). Concessions are extended to The Projector Fan Club, The Projector Senior/Student Fan Club, Senior Citizens, Students, NSFs and Singapore Film Society members.

**Venue:** EUFF 2024 runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at The Projector at Cineleisure, 8 Grange Rd, Singapore 239695



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**About the European Union:** The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 27 Member States. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. With the help of over 140 diplomatic representations around the world, the EU cooperates closely with its Member States to promote the values and interests of the EU and establish networks and partnerships, promoting multilateral-based solutions to common challenges. The EU is the largest trade block in the world, as well as the world's main source and the top global destination of foreign direct investment.

In 2012, the EU was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for advancing the causes of peace, reconciliation, democracy and human rights.

The 27 EU Member States are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

**About the European Union Delegation to Singapore:** The European Union Delegation to Singapore opened on 30 June 2004 and thus celebrates its **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year**. Since then, the EU's diplomatic representation has worked to promote closer ties between the EU and Singapore. The wide-ranging relationship has further strengthened and expanded in its scope over the years. In close coordination with the diplomatic missions of the EU Member States, the Delegation ensures consistency and effectiveness of the EU's external action in Singapore.

With 27 countries, nearly 450 million people and the largest GDP in the world, the EU is forging an ever-closer relationship with Singapore, especially since the entry into force of the **EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA)** in November 2019, and the elevation of its relationship with ASEAN to a Strategic Partnership in December 2020.

The Delegation's activities cover a range of issues such as foreign policy, security, trade, climate change, environment, transport, industrial policy, research, science, technology as well as innovative education and cultural projects.

In February 2023, the **EU-Singapore Digital Partnership** was signed in Brussels. This partnership expands the robust EU-Singapore relationship into the digital realm, which has a transformative potential for the future of our economies. The Digital Partnership builds on long-standing cooperation between the EU and Singapore on trade, research and technology. It will serve as a strategic pathfinder for closer region-to-region digital connectivity. Signed also the same day were **Digital Trade Principles**, a key deliverable of the Digital Partnership.



The principles seek to facilitate the free flow of goods and services in the digital economy, while upholding privacy.

In July 2023, EU Trade Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis and Singapore's Trade and Industry Minister Gan Kim Yong announced the launch of negotiations for an **EU-Singapore Digital Trade Agreement** (DTA). The DTA aims to enhance the economic partnership and is underpinned by the 2019 EUSFTA.

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