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**Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Mumbai and Pune International Film Festival bring the finest Italian cinema to Pune**

**The 22nd Pune International Film Festival (PIFF)** and the **Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Mumbai** collaborate to present **a curated selection of the newest Italian films** to Indian audiences, for an unforgettable cinematic journey with a timeless passion for cinema with contemporary flair.

The opening night of the Pune Film Festival on 18 January will see the screening of **“A Brighter Tomorrow” (Il sole dell'avvenire)**, **Nanni Moretti's** latest work: known for his unique, disenchanted and ironic style, the choice of his film as the festival's opener sets the stage for an immersive and high-quality film experience.

"We are delighted to join hands with Pune International Film Festival to present a showcase of contemporary Italian cinema to the audience in Pune," stated Francesca Amendola, director at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Mumbai. "Cinema has the power to transcend borders and connect people from different cultures. Through this collaboration, we hope to create a bridge between Italian and Indian audiences through the universal language of cinema."

During the Festival (18 to 25 January 2024), audiences will be able to enjoy a wide selection of Italian films that tell the essence of Italian storytelling, innovation and creativity, with as many as eight films featured in the various sections of the festival:

**A Brighter Tomorrow** | Il sol dell'avvenire | Dir.: Nanni Moretti

**There's Still Tomorrow** | C'è ancora domani | Dir.: Paola Cortellesi

**Misericordia** | Misericordia | Dir.: Emma Dante

**Bella Ciao** | Per La Libertà | Dir.: Giulia Giapponesi

**The Oceans Are the Real Continents** | Los Océanos Son Los Verdaderos Continentes | Dir.: Tommaso Santambrogio

**La Chimera** | La Chimera | Dir.: Alice Rohrwacher

**Body Odyssey** | Body Odyssey | Dir.: Grazia Tricarico

**Kidnapped** | Rapito | Dir.: Marco Bellocchio

**Link to Festival schedule:** <https://www.piffindia.com/schedule.php>

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