

Chaitanya Tamhane Is On This Yearâ??s Venice Film Festival Jury

Description

Good news for Indian indie lovers: filmmaker Chaitanya Tamhane will be on the jury of the Orizzonti (Horizons) section of this yearâ??s Venice International Film Festival, as per a report by *Variety*.

His debut film *Court*, a multilingual courtroom drama, had won two awards at the prestigious festival in 2014 â?? the Lion Of The Future for Tamhane and Best Film â?? Orizzonti. It later went on to win many awards at festivals all around the world before winning the National Award for Best Feature Film in 2015.

*C*ourt was officially selected as Indiaâ??s entry for the Best Foreign Language Film Award at the 88th Academy Awards. However, it failed to garner a nomination.

The Horizons section at Venice, the oldest film festival in the world, is dedicated to the discovery of cutting-edge cinema. Tamhaneâ??s fellow jury members include American film critic and historian Jim Hoberman, Egyptian actress Nelly Karim, Italian actress Valentina Lodovini, South Korean actress-director Moon So-ri, and Spanish critic Jose Maria Prado.

In June, Tamhane was selected to be mentored by Oscar-winning Mexican filmmaker Alfonso CuarÃ³n under the Rolex Mentor & ProtÃ©gÃ© Arts Initiative for 2016â??17.

*Featured photo: Writer and director Chaitanya Tamhane poses with the Orizzonti Award for Best Film and the Lion of the Future for a debut film (Luigi De Laurentis) for his movie â??Courtâ?? during a photocall following the awards ceremony on the closing day of the 71st Venice Film Festival on September 6, 2014 at Venice Lido. Photo credit: GABRIEL BOUYS/AFP/Getty Images

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