

73rd Venice Intâ??l Film Festival Line Up Announced

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ROME â?? The Venice Film Festival revealed a star-filled line-up for its 73rd annual edition on Thursday, featuring top Hollywood names and auteur directors in a wide selection of U.S. and international movies.

The worldâ??s oldest film festival will open with Damien Chazelleâ??s â??La La Landâ?•, starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling in a musical romantic comedy-drama about a jazz pianist who falls in love with an aspiring actress in Los Angeles.

Twenty movies will compete for the Venice Film Festivalâ??s top prize, the Golden Lion, organizers said this week in announcing the festivalâ??s lineup.

Among them are â??The Light Between Oceans,â?• a drama starring Alicia Vikander, Michael Fassbender and Rachel Weisz; the thriller â??Nocturnal Animals,â?• from the fashion designer Tom Ford; â??Les Beaux Jours dâ??Aranjuez,â?• by the â??Wings of Desireâ?• director Wim Wenders; and Terrence Malickâ??s latest venture, â??Voyage of Time.â?• â??La La Land,â?• a musical starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling, by the â??Whiplashâ?• writer and director Damien Chazelle, opens the festival on Aug. 31.

The two most recent winners of the Oscar for best picture, â??Spotlightâ?• and â??Birdman,â?• had their world premieres in Venice.

Alongside the competition lineup, the festival includes screenings of recent major releases as well as â??Orizzonti,â?• a secondary competition dedicated to the â??latest aesthetic and expressive trends in

international cinema.â?• Movies that will be screened out of competition include the Austrian director Ulrich Seidlâ??s â??Safariâ?• and Mel Gibsonâ??s World War II epic â??Hacksaw Ridge.â?•

The British director Sam Mendes (â??American Beauty,â?• â??Skyfallâ?•) will be the president of the festivalâ??s jury.

Last year, the little-known Venezuelan movie â??From Afarâ?• was a surprise winner of the main competitionâ??s top prize.

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