

24th River to River Florence Indian Film Festival
5-10 December 2024

Cinema La Compagnia
Via Cavour 50 r, Firenze

*Unless otherwise stated, all films will be screened in the Sala Grande at Cinema La Compagnia.
All meetings with the guests will be accessible in the hall or online on the River to River Facebook and Instagram accounts.*

FEATURE FILMS IN COMPETITION + OPENING AND CLOSING FILMS

SHORT FILMS IN COMPETITION

DOCUMENTARIES IN COMPETITION

WEB SERIES

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER

6.00pm–Opening of *The Shape of Self*, an exhibition of photos by Alessio Maximilian Schroder

In partnership with Fondazione Studio Marangoni

B.east Gallery, Via di Mezzo 40A, Firenze

Open from 5 December, 2024 to 5 February, 2025

Tuesday to Saturday, 10am – 07.00pm.

8.30pm–Opening ceremony for the 24th River to River Florence Indian Film Festival

followed by

The Great Indian Family by Vijay Krishna Acharya, v.o subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 112'

The story of the sparkling Tripathi family amidst traditions and ties, with a finale in true Bollywood style. Starring the famous Vicky Kaushal.

Q&A with director **Vijay Krishna Acharya**.

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER

5.00pm

SHORT FILMS 1, 51'

Love and friendship know no obstacles or differences.

Bandar (Monkey) by Geet Gangwani, v.o.subt. Italian, English, India, 2024, 15'

A boy and a girl facing the challenge of a long-distance engagement.

Bobby Beauty Parlour by Shashwat Diwivedi, v.o.subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 18'

In the hottest afternoon of the year, two girlfriends share their thoughts, fears and wishes.

The Apple by Mayank Sharma, v.o.subt. Italian, English, Uk, 2023, 16'

Two children from different backgrounds become friends by sharing an apple.

Croak Show by Suresh Eriyat, v.o.subt. Italian, English, India 2024, 4'

A concert of traditional Indian music in the middle of a forest.

6.00pm

Dream Factory by Aarushi Nigam, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 80'

A glimpse into the world that hides behind Bollywood's grand productions

6.00pm – Saletta

Our Big Punjabi Family by Agam Darshie. 1 and 2, v.o. subt. English, Canada, 2023, 46'

Sitara and Sunny are forced to move to the boy's parents' home and survive the dramas of a big Punjabi family.

7.00pm- aperitif and Indian dj set

Amblè, Piazza dei Del Bene 7A, Firenze

8.30pm

Laapataa Ladies by Kiran Rao, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 124'

On an overcrowded night train, a half-asleep newlywed man does not recognise his wife and takes home the wrong bride ...A sensational film that has been selected as India's entry at the Academy Awards.

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER

11.00am

In conversation. *The thousand faces of India*

Andrea Drocco, Professor of modern languages and literatures of the Indian subcontinent, Università Ca' Foscari Venice

Leonardo Tozzi, Director Firenze Spettacolo and President Associazione Stampa Enogastroagroalimentare Toscana

3.30pm

SHORT FILMS 2, 60'

Every house has a story to tell.

Domestic Help by Raveesh Jaiswal, v.o.subt. Italian, English, India 2023, 21'

An unsuccessful clown works as a servant in the house of a lady who's always writing never-ending to-do lists.

Home by Nina Sabnani, v.o.subt. Italian, English, India 2024, 11'

A little girl tells the story of her family during the 1947 Partition.

RSVP by Prerna Ramachandra, v.o.subt. Italian, English, USA, 2024, 14'

After her father's death, a girl has to cope with grief while trying to understand her mother's strange reaction.

Dos Mujeres by Shankey Srivasan, v.o.subt. Italian, English, USA, 2024, 17'

Every day, an Indian and a Mexican woman face the problems of being immigrants in the United States.

5.00pm

Mother's Tongue by Vanesa Millado, subt. Italian, English, Canada 2023, 14'

Young Guerleen rediscovers her Punjabi culture by learning to cook.

Followed by

Cooking show with chef **Basheerkutty Mansoor of Nura**

6.00pm - Saletta

Our Big Punjabi Family by Leena Manro, ep. 3 and 4, v.o. subt. English, Canada 2023, 46'

Sitara and Sunny discuss how to find a solution to the problems she is experiencing in his family home. Sunny takes his teenage son to Vancouver.

6.30pm

Four on Eleven: The Fading Glory of Parsi Cricket by Shrikaran Beecharaju, v.o. subt. English, India, 2023, 56'

The importance of the Parsi community in the history of cricket.

8.30pm

Logout by Amit Golani, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 110'

When his social profiles are hacked, the life of young influencer Pratman changes forever. A relevant and gripping story, starring one of the new talents of Indian cinema, the son of famous actor Irrfan Khan.

Q&A with actor **Babil Khan**.

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER

3.00pm

P for Paparazzi by Divya Hemant Kharnare, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2024, 26'

Paparazzi vying for the most sensational photo.

4.00pm

Raj Kapoor's Loni Tunes by Nadir Ahmed, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2024, 29'

A documentary film encapsulating the essence of the great actor and director Raj Kapoor's work.

Q&A with producer **Devendra Jadhav**.

5.00pm

Awara by Raj Kapoor, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 1951, 175'

A masterpiece by the doyen of Indian cinema, Raj Kapoor, on the centenary of his birth. The story of young Raj, amongst love, poverty and crime.

6.00pm- Saletta

Our Big Punjabi Family by Anna McRoberts, ep. 5 and 6, v.o. subt. English, Canada, 2023, 46'

Sunny and Sitara make peace, and the family is reconciled.

8.30pm

Ennenum by Shalini Ushadevi, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 89'

In a dystopic and alternative present, a young couple seeks immortality.

Q&A with director **Shalini Ushadevi**.

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER

6.30pm

Alain Daniélou-Il labirinto di una vita by Riccardo Biadene, v.o. subt. Italian, English, French, Italy, Switzerland, 2017, 75'

A documentary about the life of French Indologist and musicologist Alain Daniélou thirty years after his death.

Q&A with director **Riccardo Biadene**.

8.30pm

The Mehta Boys by Boman Irani, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2024, 115'

Amay and his father lose and find each other again. Forced to spend 48 hours together, will they learn to love each other?

Starring the great actor Boman Irani, here in his directorial debut.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER

5.00pm

Towards Self- governance by Virendra Prabhakar Valsangkar, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 53'

The inhabitants of the village of Mendha-Lekha, in Maharashtra, have always lived in harmony with the forest that surrounds it.

6.30pm

Meet the author: **Perumal Murugan**.

In partnership with Brac.

8.30pm—Closing ceremony

Followed by

Everybody Loves Sohrab Handa by Rajat Kapoor, v.o. subt. Italian, English, India, 2023, 99'

While celebrating the wedding anniversary of Raman and Jayanti, a big villa turns into the scene of a murder. Among those present, who is the culprit? A breath-taking film with an ensemble cast, directed by a master of murder-mystery films.

Q&A with actor **Vinay Pathak**.