

Louis Koo Honoured at the 7th HKSIFF

The 7th Hong Kong Salento International Film Festival (HKSIFF), the 6-day event held from 8th to 13th May, showcased 6 feature films from Italy, Russia, Israel, Taiwan and Iran, including “American Fango”, “Blue Hollywood”, “Beneath The Silence”, “About Love”, “Cold Breath” and “The Receptionist” which are all available now in theatre at The Grand Cinema.

Aside from screenings of selected films, at the event’s closing evening, Antonello DE RIU, Consul General of Italy in Hong Kong, presented the “Salento Cinema Actor Award – City of Presicce” to Hong Kong actor Louis KOO for his outstanding achievement in performing arts as well as his contribution to the film industry. The Festival sees KOO as a diversified actor who starred in films of different genres. He starred in “The White Storm” and the “Overhead” crime-thriller series; his performance in the latest “SPL2: A Time for Consequences” has earned him recognition and made him Best Actor at Hong Kong Film Awards, Asian Film Awards and Hong Kong Film Directors Awards. Past winners of the “Salento Cinema Actor Award” from Hong Kong include Deanie IP, Andy LAU, Miriam YEUNG, Tony LEUNG Ka Fai and Aaron KWOK. KOO said he was deeply pleased and honoured to receive the award, and would give the award to his mother for Mother’s Day.

The Salento International Film Festival has become an International event thanks to its “touring” concept, which started with film screenings in London at the Prince Charles Cinema, the only independent cinema in Central London back in 2010. Since then SIFF Tour has presented many independent films around the world in 14 cities including Hong Kong, Yerevan (Armenia), Moscow, St. Petersburg (Russia), Santiago (Chile), London (UK), Oslo (Norway), and many more. The Salento International Film Festival will be in Oslo in October this year. By selecting and screening independent feature films and short films, SIFF provides independent filmmakers with the valuable opportunity to have their work screened in front of an international audience, and gives audiences the unique chance to enjoy quality independent masterpieces which might not reach mainstream distribution. The Salento Week is bringing not only the Salento International Film Festival but also traditional music from Salento in the “Alla Bua - Pizzica Concert”, the "Salento Land of Charm" photo exhibition and a Salento Dinner themed “From the Stars to the Sea”.