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The 11th Mumbai Film Festival announced its official lineup, with Oscar winning director Steven Soderbergh's Matt Damon starrer *The Informant* being chosen to open the event.

The festival which begin here on October 29 will showcase 200 films from 56 countries.

'The Informant' centres on a complex and habitual liar, Archer Daniels Midland, played by Damon, who helped the FBI expose a price fixing scandal in his company in the 1990s.

The dark comedy for which the Hollywood heartthrob piled on the pounds, has been scripted by Scott Z. Burns and is based on Kurt Eichenwald's book of the same name.

The film which premiered at the Venice Film Festival also stars Scott Bakula, Joel McHale and Melanie Lynske.

Greek master Theo Angelopoulos and Indian actor-director Shashi Kapoor will be given Lifetime Achievement Awards at the event.

Angelopoulos' *The Dust of Time*, the second part of his trilogy beginning at the end of the Stalin era, will close the eight-day event on November 5.

Director-producer Yash Chopra will be felicitated by the International Federation of Film Producers Association (FIAPF) and Amitabh Bachchan's four-decade screen presence will be celebrated towards the end of the Festival.

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