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Soderbergh's The Informant to open 11th Mumbai Film Festival

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Mumbai: Academy award winning director Steven Soderbergh's dark political comedy *The Informant* will open the 11th edition of the Mumbai Film Festival beginning here from October 29, organisers said today.

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Union information and broadcasting minister Ambika Soni will be the chief guest at the inauguration of the week-long festival that will showcase 200 films from 56 countries.

The Dust of Time by Greek master Theo Angelopoulos will close the festival on November 5, organisers of the festival Moving Academy of Moving Images (MAMI) said at a press conference here.

MAMI trustees Yash Chopra, Amol Palekar, Shabana Azmi and Chairman of Reliance Big Entertainment Amit Khanna were present on the occasion.

The Informant, which is based on true events and the 2000 non-fiction book of the same name by journalist Kurt Eichenwald, stars Matt Damon, Scott Bakula, Joel McHale and Melanie Lynskey.

It tells the story of Mark Whitacre (Damon), a rising star at Decatur, Illinois based Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) in the early 1990s, whose wife forces him to blow the whistle on the company's price fixing tactics.

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