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MAMI unveils movie line-up for Mumbai Film Festival

Story By: [Businessofcinema.com Team](#) updated on: **Oct 23, 2009**

MUMBAI: The MAMI committee led by chairman Shyam Benegal and trustees Yash Chopra, Jaya Bachchan, Amit Khanna, Shabana Azmi and Amol Palekar unveiled the line-up for the 11th annual Mumbai Film Festival (MFF), which consists of 200 films from 56 countries. All the trustees except Bachchan and the chairman Benegal were present at the unveiling.

All of the international films to be screened in the main sections of this year's festival will be Indian, Asian or world premieres. MFF is a Reliance Big Entertainment initiative and has the distinction of being the only international film festival in India to be organized by an independent body of practicing film professionals.

Palekar said, "This festival will not only make all of us Mumbaikars proud but it is also the first festival which is not organised by the government but by the industry. We've come a long way with the leadership and guidance of Shyam Benegal and all the seniors like Yashji, we have brought this festival to a level where it would be a pride of place in the history of Indian cinema."

"This year the festival has got a huge support from the Reliance Group and this helps us to expand our horizon. A great city like Mumbai needed a festival of this stature," added Khanna.

Azmi said, "India is a cinema loving country, infact we love our films so much that till a long-time we did not even open up the doors to the other parts of the world because we had such a large audience, we used to just be happy with that but it is natural that a country which loves cinema whose hub is Mumbai should hold a festival that all of us should be very proud of. That is the intention to hold this festival. It lies in the shoulders of the members of our film industry here in Mumbai to make this festival a success. For any festival to be successful we need good films, which we promise you we have, we need a market which we have this year and glamour which we have in plenty. This festival will also..."

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