

Bhayanakam, Thondimuthalum... to have Australian premiere

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This year two National award winning Malayalam films have been selected to have their Australian premiere at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2018. *Bhayanakam*, which won 3 national awards in 2018 for best director, best adapted screenplay and best cinematography, is an adaptation of Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai's epic Malayalam novel *Kayar*. Based in the era of World War II,



the film, which stars Renji Panicker and Asha Sarath, revolves around a postman who

delivers letters to the families of army officers, bearing good or bad news, slowly becoming an omen of death.

Dileesh

Thondimuthalum

Driksa-kshiyum talks about a newlywed inter-caste couple who get caught in a perplexing situation. The film won three national awards in 2017 for best original screenplay, best feature film in Malayalam and best supporting actor (Fahadh Faasil). It also stars Suraj Venjaramoodu and

Nimisha Sajayan in pivotal roles.

Fahadh Faasil has also been nominated under the best actor category in the competition section of the festival.

Under the unifying theme of inclusion, the festival promises to showcase cinematic marvels celebrating acceptance and unity against prejudice. The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne that begins on August 10 will go on till August 22 with an array of screenings,

competitions, panel discussions and other activities planned for the Australian audience.

