

—INDIAN CINEMA'S MOST CELEBRATED FILM—

IFFM to celebrate 25 years of 'Lagaan' with Aamir Khan in attendance

Actor-producer Aamir Khan will attend a special screening of his acclaimed film 'Lagaan' at the 17th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne, the organisers announced.

The festival, billed as the largest celebration of Indian cinema outside India, will be held from August 13 to 23 in Melbourne.

The film gala's curtain-raiser event on July 9 will commemorate the 25th anniversary of 'Lagaan', the Ashutosh Gowariker-directed period sports drama which remains one of Indian cinema's most celebrated films and was nominated for the Academy Award for 'Best Foreign Language Film'.

Khan will attend the special screening at ACMI cinema in Melbourne, officially launching this year's festival celebrations, according to a press release.

Festival director Mitu Bhowmick Lange said marking 25 years of 'Lagaan' was a fitting way to begin the festival.

"The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne has always celebrated stories that have made a lasting impact on audiences and there could not have been a better way to begin our 17th edition than by celebrating 25 years of 'Lagaan'. The film is a milestone in Indian cinema and continues to inspire generations of filmmakers and audiences around the world. We are delighted to welcome Aamir Khan to Melbourne for this special celebration and look forward to presenting another memorable edition of the festival that brings together the very best of Indian cinema," Lange said.



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Backed by the Government of Victoria, the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne has emerged as a major international platform for Indian cinema over the years.

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