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Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Announces 2018-2019 Aventura International Film Series

AVENTURA, Fla. (August 14, 2018) – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center announces the Aventura International Film Series presented by the City of Aventura that will screen the best in foreign cinema from India, France, Israel, Germany, Denmark, Japan, Switzerland and Italy. Tickets for individual screenings are \$12 and on sale now.

Shelly Isaacs, founder/programmer and commentator for South Florida's popular Café Cinematheque International programs, once again hosts the series by introducing the films and leading post-screening discussions. Isaacs holds a master's degree in Media Ecology Studies from New York University, where he served as an adjunct professor in cultural studies. Presently, he teaches foreign-language film appreciation in the Life Long Learning Society at Florida Atlantic University and at Florida International University. He is the film expert for Celebrity Cruise Lines during their annual voyage to the Cannes International Film Festival as well as on other scheduled film-related cruises throughout the world.

The Aventura International Film Series begins a new season with writer-director Gauri Shinde's ***English Vinglish*** on **Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m.** The film tells the story of a quiet, sweet tempered housewife who endures small slights from her well-educated husband and daughter because of her inability to speak and understand English. On a trip to visit her sister in Manhattan, she decides to enroll in an English class and meets a host of new people who teach her to value herself beyond the narrow perspective of her family. Not rated, this film from India is shown in Hindi and Tamil with English subtitles.

A New York Times Critics Pick from writer-director Ofir Raul Graizer, ***The Cakemaker*** runs on **Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.** The film follows a young and talented baker in Berlin who travels to Jerusalem after his lover, an Israeli married man, dies in a car crash. Without revealing his identity, he starts working for his lover's widow at her small café. Finding himself deeply involved in her life, his lie and his life will be stretched far beyond what he ever anticipated. This unrated film from Germany and Israel is in Hebrew and German with English subtitles.

Winner of the Audience Award for Best Narrative Film at the Tribeca Film Festival, ***The Divine Order*** from writer-director Petra Volpe shows on **Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.** and tells the uplifting story of an unassuming and dutiful housewife living in the Swiss countryside as the issue of the women's right to vote is about to be put before the male voters in 1971. Well-liked by everyone before she begins pugnaciously campaigning, she refuses to back down and convinces the women in her village to go on strike while she makes a few startling discoveries about her own liberation. Not rated, this film is shown in Swiss-German with English subtitles.

Described as a "taut emergency-services thriller" by *Variety*, ***The Guilty*** from director Gustav Möller shows on **Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.** and follows an alarm dispatcher and former police officer who answers an emergency call from a kidnapped woman. When it is suddenly

disconnected he must race against time to save her but soon realizes that he is dealing with a crime that is far bigger than he first thought. Not rated, this film is shown in Danish with English subtitles.

On **Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m.** the film ***In Between*** is where three Palestinian women find themselves as they search for balance between tradition and modern, citizenship and culture, fealty and freedom. A criminal lawyer, a religious Muslim university student, and a DJ - who also bartends - become roommates in Tel Aviv in this film that has won more than a dozen international awards. Not rated, the film by director Maysaloun Hamoud is shown in Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles.

Two of French cinema's biggest stars shine in ***The Midwife*** on **Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.** in a bittersweet drama about the unlikely friendship that develops between Claire (Catherine Frot), a talented but tightly wound midwife, and Béatrice (Catherine Deneuve), the estranged, free-spirited mistress of Claire's late father. Though polar opposites, the two come to rely on each other as they cope with the unusual circumstance that brought them together in this sharp character study from writer-director Martin Provost. Not rated, this film is shown in French with English subtitles.

Winner of the Palme d'Or at the 2018 Cannes festival, ***Shoplifters*** on **Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.** follows a Japanese family that shoplifts when the parents can't make ends meet with the low pay in their part-time jobs. Their lives become something more than carefree when they open their door to a beleaguered teenager and the reasons for the family and friends' habit and their motivations come under the microscope. This film from writer-director Hirokazu Koreeda is not rated and is shown in Japanese with English subtitles.

Let Yourself Go, the winner of Best Comedy at the 2017 Golden Globes, crowns the Aventura International Film Series season on **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.** It's mind versus matter in Francesco Amato's comedy about an uptight psychiatrist who is told to get himself back into shape and gets more than just a physical workout when he signs up for personal training sessions with an attractive young instructor. Not rated, this film is shown in Italian with English subtitles.

All screenings are general admission and the auditorium opens for seating 30 minutes prior to the start time. Tickets for individual screenings are \$12. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, Broward Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at aventuracenter.org; by phone at 877-311-7469; and in person at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram @aventuracenter or #aventuracenter

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CALENDAR BRIEF: Tickets on sale now for the 2018-19 Aventura International Film Series at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center featuring: *English Vinglish* (Oct. 9), *The Cakemaker* (Nov. 6), *The Divine Order* (Dec. 4), *The Guilty* (Jan. 15), *In Between* (Feb. 5), *The Midwife* (March 5) *Shoplifters* (April 2) and *Let Yourself Go* (May 7). Tickets for individual screenings are \$12. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, Broward Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at aventuracenter.org; by phone at 877-311-7469; and in person at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation on Twitter at #AventuraCenter, and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/aventuracenter and Instagram at [aventuracenter](https://instagram.com/aventuracenter).