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## **Annex A: Southeast Asian Film Financing (SAFF) Project Market 2016**

### **Information about 15 shortlisted projects**

#### **ANG MAHIKERO (THE MAGICIAN)**

**Country:** Singapore

**Producer:** Karen Abarca Giordano / Larry Castillo

**Director:** Philip Giordano

Shala, a young girl living in the slums of the Philippines, tries to become a champion billiards player while taking care of her autistic younger brother and trying to overcome the harshness of backalley pool hustlers.

#### **DEVOTED**

**Country:** Malaysia

**Producer:** Iman Corinne Adrienne, Damon Chua

**Director:** Tony Pietra Arjuna

Eva's devotion as wife and mother is tested to the limits when her husband and son are sucked into a paramilitary cult in Malaysia.

#### **DIWATA (Fairy)**

**Country:** The Philippines

**Producer:** Reena Cortez, Vanessa Ulgado

**Director:** Angcoy Crisologo

Charles takes a break from his mundane adult life and encounters creatures he only knows from childhood stories.

#### **HIDDEN**

**Country:** Cambodia

**Producer:** Sotho Kulikar

**Director:** Chhin Sothea

"Year Zero" of the Khmer Rouge, 1975. Two siblings evade the evacuation of Phnom Penh and hide in the emptied city. Struggling to survive, and broken by what they witness, they plan their own act of resistance in a final moment of desperation. But have they become too similar to the very forces they are trying to oppose?

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### **MAMAFIA**

**Country:** Vietnam

**Producer:** Hang Trinh

A powerful mafia boss who is very controlling and protective of her only son, finds out his secret girlfriend in fact a gangster and the daughter of the mafia boss' biggest enemy.

### **NEOMANILA**

**Country:** The Philippines

**Producer:** Pamela L. Reyes

**Director:** Mikhail Red

When the new government endorses a violent war on drugs in Manila, Toto, a teenage orphan is recruited by a notorious death squad. Irma, the group's leader, soon becomes a maternal figure to the young orphan. Conflict ensues during one of their assignments when the target turns out to be a familiar face.

### **RICKY BOY THE WONDER BOY**

**Country:** The Philippines

**Producer:** Daphne Chiu

**Director:** Victor Villanueva

Ricky was once known as the famous child faith healer, but when he grew up, he lost all his healing powers and his way of life. He then meets a girl who is suffering from a terminal disease. Ricky and his friends embark on a journey to get his healing powers back and heal the girl he loves.

### **SAMA LAUT**

**Country:** Malaysia

**Producer:** Siti Marzuliana Marzuki, Zuliana Ismail

**Director:** Madnor Kassim

A story set in a water village in Sabah, a sea gypsy boy and his friends want to shift the floating prayer hall back in the right direction of the kiblah, in hopes of pulling his father back to the right track in life and redeeming himself.

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## **SIAM**

**Country:** Thailand

**Producer:** Tom Waller, Katrina Grose

**Director:** Tom Waller

On a mission to colonise the Kingdom of Siam, a lieutenant in King Louis XIV's navy learns that love is more important than loyalty to one's country. Set in 17th Century Thailand.

## **TERIBALIK**

**Country:** Malaysia

**Producer:** Bea Tanaka

**Director:** Yasu Tanaka

Acclaimed Malaysian actor, Brian Pereira, is involved in a car accident and he is trapped in the wrecked car that is upside-down in the middle of the jungle. He is discovered by evil, sadistic village boys, who force Brian to play the character in the movie script, torturing him just like the character is tortured in the story. They shoot the movie with their cellphones, to spread it through the Internet and make it viral.

## **THE CAT AND THE FISH**

**Country:** Indonesia

**Producer:** Sabrang Mowo Damar Panuluh, Dewi Umayu Rachman, Allen Jordan

**Director:** Agung Sentausa

Set in underground Jakarta - Asia's sub society - a twisted "latah" cowboy obsessed with fishes, falls in love with a lady who thinks that she came out from a French painting. She helps the man take revenge against the people who have abused him and made him "latah", but instead killed a cop, and the dogs, who were suspicious of their activity. They escape to the forest of their own hallucination and learn Japanese martial arts to kill the enemy.

## **THE FLYING TIGER**

**Country:** Malaysia

**Producer:** Abd Samad Hassan

**Director:** Naeim Ghalili

When the Japanese Army descends on Malaya, Adam, a volunteer pilot, finds himself betrayed by his senior British officer and decides to save his people by taking on the invaders himself.

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### **THE VIOLIN**

**Country:** Singapore

**Producer:** Ervin Han, Bernard Toh

**Director:** Ervin Han

A legendary violinist recounts her life and career to a reporter. It's an animated tale of music and light, heartbreak and darkness, and a star-crossed love spanning decades that takes the audience on a journey through 80 years of Malaya and Singapore history.

### **THE WAVE**

**Country:** Malaysia

**Producer:** Chris T. Weatherspoon

**Director:** Jose Wei Ping Leong

A woman living a mundane life of repetition and servitude, looks to the sea and longs for desire from life. She finds her lifeboat in the form of a kindhearted migrant worker whom she helps as they escape to the freedom they both desire, by way of the sea.

### **THE WILDERNESS**

**Country:** Vietnam

**Producer:** Lucas

**Director:** Bao Nguyen

Inspired by true events, a father flees the horrors of war with his young son deep into the Vietnamese jungle where they live in complete isolation from the outside world. Two decades later, a fateful accident throws them back into "civilization", where the son, soon to be a man, experiences the outside world for the first time.

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