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**IFFI TO OPEN WITH BRAZILIAN FILM OLGA**

**COMPETITION SECTION TO HAVE FILMS FROM ASIA,AFRICA AND LATIN  
AMERICA**

**New Delhi, November 17, 2005**

The 36th International Film Festival of India which begins from 24th November 2005, will open with the Brazilian film Olga directed by Jayme Monjardim. This was announced by Director IFFI, Shri Afzal Amanullah at a press conference, here today. One of the most visible feature of the 10-day festival is at Goa is its Competition Section which now includes film entries from Asian, African and Latin American countries unlike previous years when the competition was restricted to Asian countries only. This section has 16 films contesting this time. The Indian entries in competition are Iqbal directed by Nagesh Kukunoor and Perumazhakkalam (Malayalam) directed by Kamal. The international film jury for the competition is headed by the famous Chilean film director, Miguel Littin and has Sabine Derflinger, the Austrian film director, Saeed Akhtar Mirza, the renowned Indian film director, Faramarz Gharibian, the famous Iranian Actor and another famous French film director Alain Corneau.

One striking feature of the festival this year is its Cinema of the world section which boasts of entries from 31 countries. The festival has organized special tributes to Ismail Merchant, the Indian filmmaker who teamed up with James Ivory to produce and direct some remarkable English language films which won critical acclaim worldwide. This apart, a retrospective of famous screenwriter, actress and director Lena Wertmuller who began her career with Federico Fellini is also being screened at the festival. Among the star sections of this edition of the festival is the world premiere of Apaharan directed by Prakash Jha which is being screened on 1st December 2005 as part of the Mid Fest Gala.

The Festival logo film having the theme 'Vasudaiva Kutumbkam' ( the world is one family) and poster were also released on the occasion. Film Director, Prakash Jha and Vijay Singh, curator for the Masters' class also addressed the media.

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