



Cochin University **FILM FESTIVAL '23**

About Cochin University Film Festival

CFF is a one of a kind pan-Asian short film festival that boasts an immense potential to be the largest celebration of cinema in educational institutions across South India. With its precinct firmly situated in the heart of Kochi, CFF is a multilingual and multidimensional short film festival that welcomes film submissions in both Indian and foreign languages. The jury that shall preside over the CFF consists of successful filmmakers that have made critical and innovative contributions to cinema over the years.

Apart from screening the entries accepted by jury, the CFF shall also host work shops, interactive sessions, panel discussions, cultural programs, theatre workshops, drama performances and musical performances by leading artists and industrial experts.

CFF was birthed on the conviction that cinema is and always should be for the people. Cochin University Students' Union wholeheartedly opens its gates for film enthusiasts from across the country to register as delegates and experience this exploration of cinema.





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About CUSAT

Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) is a well-respected and highly ranked university located in Kochi, Kerala, India. Established in 1971, the university has grown to become one of the premier institutions for higher education in India, offering a range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs in science, engineering, technology, humanities, social sciences, and management.

CUSAT's campus is spread across 180 acres and boasts modern infrastructure and state-of-the-art facilities. The university is home to several research centers, including the Center for Atmospheric Sciences, Center for Marine Biology, and Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. These centers provide students with ample opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in their respective fields.

CUSAT is also known for its international collaborations and partnerships. The university has tie-ups with several renowned universities and research institutions around the world, providing students with opportunities to study abroad, engage in research collaborations, and gain exposure to global perspectives.

In addition to academics, CUSAT has a vibrant campus life. The university has several student clubs and organizations, including the Entrepreneurship Club, the Literary and Debating Club, and the Music and Dance Club, which provide students with opportunities to explore their interests and engage in extracurricular activities. The university also hosts several cultural events and festivals, such as the annual cultural fest, Sargam, and the sports fest, Kurukshetra.

CUSAT is committed to promoting social responsibility and sustainability. The university has implemented several initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint, such as the installation of solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems. The university also offers several community outreach programs, such as the Village Adoption Program, which aims to improve the quality of life in rural communities.

In conclusion, CUSAT is a leading institution for higher education in India, known for its interdisciplinary approach to education, international collaborations, and commitment to social responsibility. With its state-of-the-art facilities, vibrant campus life, and focus on research and innovation, CUSAT offers students a comprehensive and well-rounded education that prepares them for successful careers and meaningful contributions to society.

About CFF '23

The CFF (Cochin University Film Festival) is a unique film festival that celebrates cinema from across Asia. The festival is held in the heart of Kochi and has the potential to become the largest celebration of cinema in educational institutions across South India. It is a multilingual and multidimensional festival that welcomes submissions in both Indian and foreign languages.

The jury for the festival consists of successful filmmakers who have made critical and innovative contributions to cinema over the years. This ensures that the films selected for screening are of the highest quality and that the festival provides a platform for emerging filmmakers to showcase their talent.

In addition to screening the entries selected by the jury, the CFF also hosts workshops, interactive sessions, panel discussions, cultural programs, theatre workshops, drama performances, and musical performances by leading artists and industry experts. This provides delegates with a unique opportunity to engage with filmmakers and experts from across the industry and learn about different aspects of filmmaking.

The festival was founded on the belief that cinema is for the people and that it should be accessible to everyone. The Cochin University Students' Union is committed to opening its gates to film enthusiasts from across the country and encouraging them to register as delegates and experience the festival's exploration of cinema.

In conclusion, the CFF is a one-of-a-kind film festival that celebrates cinema from across Asia and provides a platform for emerging filmmakers to showcase their talent. With its diverse range of events, including workshops, interactive sessions, and cultural programs, the festival is an excellent opportunity for film enthusiasts to engage with industry experts and learn more about the art of filmmaking. The festival's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity makes it a must-attend event for anyone interested in cinema.

Events

01 Short Film Screening

02 Talk Shows

03 Short Film Workshop

04 Theatre Workshop

05 Drama Performance

06 Theatre Workshop

07 Cultural Evenings

08 Quiz Competition

Rules of Cochin University FILM FESTIVAL

- 01 Entry fee: An entry fee of Rs. 500 is charged. Students of Cochin University can register with an entry fee of Rs. 300.
- 02 Duration: No minimum duration is prescribed for the short film but the maximum duration of the short film should be 30 minutes.
- 03 Theme: Short films of any theme can be sent for the competition.
- 04 Language of the film: Any Indian language or foreign language with subtitles in English. Short films in Malayalam or English will be allowed even without subtitles.
- 05 Film format: Short films may be shot with any device or camera set-up (in MP4, MKV formats).
- 06 Resolution: Minimum Full HD (1080p or 1920X1080p) up to 4K (2160p or 3840X2160)).
- 07 Mode of uploading: Entries can be sent online (as digital copies) in this google form. Multiple entries from the same applicant will not be considered.
- 08 Jury: The Jury will select the winners and the decision of the Jury shall be final.
- 09 Shortlisting: The entries selected by the Jury for screening will be informed to the applicants.
- 10 Distribution of Award: Awards and a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 will be given for Best Short film and Best Director respectively. Special mentions in any other category will be announced according to the discretion of the Jury.



Animations and documentaries will not be considered for the competition. The preferable size of the short film being uploaded is not more than 5 GB.

The submitted short films must be the applicants' original work and shall not infringe on any copyrights or any other rights of any third parties. Applicants must ensure that they have obtained all required permissions regarding music, sound and/or images presented in the short film. The liability of prosecutions under The Indian Criminal Procedure Code, Indian Media Law, or any other legislation for any offenses will be upon the applicant. The organizing committee will not be liable for copyright infringements perpetrated by the applicant or the short film. Cochin University Film Festival organizing, selection committee members and juries are not allowed to participate in the festival. The organizing committee reserves the right to not screen any film(s) for any reason it deems valid. It also has the right to use the film for any purpose it deems fit including uploading it on its website/social media. Any filmmaker, institution, or organization is strictly not allowed to use the name 'Cochin University Film Festival' and festival logo for any commercial, non-commercial, cultural, or personal use without the permission of the organizing committee.

Any grievances will be handled by the organizing committee and the jury and their decision will be final. The rules of the festival are subject to change.

Our Jury



Jeo Baby
Director of
The Great Indian Kitchen
Freedom Fight
Sreedhanya Catering Services
Kilometers and Kilometers



Phantom Praveen
Director of
Udaharanam Sujatha



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