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SRK to open Iffi, Suriya to attend closing ceremony

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Southern superstar Suriya, best known for his super hit movies like 'Perazhagan', 'Vaaranam Aayiram' and 'Rakht Charitra', will be the guest at the closing ceremony of the International Film Festival of India (Iffi) on December 3. He will be joined by eminent French filmmaker Luc Besson.

Hollywood action actor Michelle Yeoh of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon fame will also be attending the closing ceremony.

Director of the Iffi secretariat Shankar Mohan confirmed that Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan would be inaugurating the 42nd edition of the festival in Goa on November 23.

"Shah Rukh Khan will flag off the 42nd edition of Iffi in Goa. He will formally inaugurate the 10-day festival on November 23 at Ravindra Bhavan auditorium in Margao. With the world in mind and as a step towards the global acceptability of the festival, we have invited the biggest name in Bollywood today," Mohan said.

Shah Rukh Khan is acclaimed the world over for blockbuster movies like 'Ra.One', 'Om Shanti Om' and 'Don.' The festival will open with the screening of the Portuguese film 'The Consul of Bordeaux' directed by Francisco Manso and Joao Correa.

The 42nd Iffi is billed as the 'festival of change' and seeks to bring in novelty into the concept of the festival, he said. "The festival is a 'work of transition'. Acclaimed art director Thota Tharani has designed the concept of this year's festival," Shankar Mohan said.

The festival will screen more than 100 movies from 65 countries and will have special packages like 'Master Classes' by renowned film personalities like Milcho Manchevski, Hugh Welchman, Laurence Kardish; a first of its kind package of 3D and animation movies; retrospective of Luc Besson and Phil Noyce; a special package on 'Soccer in Cinema'; country focus on USA; screening of Russian classics and much more.

Apart from cinematic geniuses on show, the 42nd edition of Iffi expects the presence of luminaries like Bertrand Tavernier, Laurance Kardish, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Dan Wolman and others along with Indian celebrities like Raima Sen, Dino Morea and Prem Chopra.