

## Tagore, Besson in Iffi 2011 spotlight

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PANAJI: The 'retrospective section' at the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Film Festival of India (Iffi), to be hosted in Goa from November 23 to December 3, 2011, will focus on eminent French film director, writer and producer Luc Besson.

Besson is the creator of EuropaCorp Film Company and has been involved with over 50 films spanning 26 years.

The festival will also feature a section called 'Spotlight on Poland', where a package of outstanding Polish films by new-generation Polish filmmakers will be screened, which includes movies like 'Made in Poland' by Przemek Wojceiszek, 'My Name is Ki' by Leszek Dawid and more.

A special section on films by Rabindranath Tagore at Iffi 2011 is set to provide the perfect cultural balance at the festival, which is aimed at a complete cinematic experience for the attendees.

Cutting edge 'Master Classes' by eminent cinematic geniuses like Max Howard, Milcho Manchevski, Zbigniew Preisner, Laurence Kardish and others have also been scheduled. 'The Mirror' by Andrei Tarkovsky and 'Uncle Vanya' by Andrei Mikhalov-Kochalovsky will showcase the rich cultural heritage of Russian cinematic history.

The festival will also include a first time country focus on United States of America, showcasing the disciplines of arts, music and cinema through the eyes of legendary filmmakers like Martin Scorsese with 'Shine A light', Sidney Pollack with 'Sketches of Frank Gehry' and others.

This will be the eighth edition of Iffi to be held in Goa.

While the Indian panorama showcases the best of Indian cinematic excellence on offer, the international competition section offers a goldmine of international masterpieces and works by renowned filmmakers which showcase the cultural acumen of auteur from around the world.