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Adelaide Film Festival Special Guests

Critically acclaimed visionary director **BONG Joon-ho**, and **Mike Reiss**, the writer and producer of, *The Simpsons* will be among the special guests at the 2007 Adelaide Film Festival taking place from 22 February to 4 March.

Bong Joon-ho will be presenting his new feature film, *THE HOST*, which was the buzz of the at the Cannes Film Festival and utilizes state-of-the-art special effects, courtesy of a creative partnership between Weta Workshop (*King Kong*, *The Lord of the Rings*) and The Orphanage (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *Sin City*).

Mike Reiss will be presenting his reflections on nearly two decades writing and producing *The Simpsons* at a free forum on Sunday 25 Feb at Palace 4. *The Simpsons* is unquestionably the cultural zeitgeist of our times.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Prime Minister of East Timor, **Jose Ramos Horta** will join in conversation with the Hon **Mike Rann**, Premier of South Australia, and documentary filmmaker **Tom Zubrycki**, following a screening of Zubrycki's landmark documentary *THE DIPLOMAT*, on Sat 24 Feb 5pm at The Academy 2.

Indonesia's leading director **Garin Nugroho** will be presenting his operatic marvel, *OPERA JAWA* commissioned for Peter Sellar's *New Crowned Hope Festival*; Spanish director **Gonzalo Arijon** will be presenting his film, *THE TENTH DAY*, the extraordinary story of an amateur rugby team who crashed in the Andes and survived the 72 days it took for them to be found. The film is one of the *Arte TV* highlights, as is festival guest **Weijun Chen's PLEASE VOTE FOR ME** a charming insightful and intimate portrait of a Chinese society through a school its children and families.

Also confirmed to attend are **MACHINIMA** geeks **Eddo Stern** (writer, artist and founder of C Level an artist run new media lab in LA), and his collaborator **Jessica Hutchins**, **Paul Marino** (Emmy award winning animator who now runs the Academy of Machinima Arts & Sciences) **Gustavo Sorola** and **Jason Saldana** (members of cult MACHINIMA giants Rooster Teeth) and **Friedrich Kirschner** (filmmaker, visual artists who re purposes computer games to create animated narratives) all of whom are participating in a day long forum exploring the promise of **MACHINIMA**.

Fredrik Gertten, Swedish director of *THE SOCIALIST*, *THE ARCHITECT AND THE TWISTED TOWER*, and producer of *THIN ICE* will be in attendance. Gertten founded his production company WG Film in 1994. A writer, director and editor, Gertten has also produced ten films which have won numerous international awards.

AFF guest, **Khee-jin Ng** (*FEET UNBOUND*) taught himself film producing and film directing, and launched himself into independent documentary film production in 2001. In October 2004, he moved to Perth with his family where he continued to pursue his debut film, *Feet Unbound*, through his Australian production company Long March Films. The film was selected for the Joris Ivens Competition at the 2006 International Documentary Festival Amsterdam.

Roger Graef, criminologist and documentary filmmaker, is one of the pioneers of the cinema verite movement, best known for his work exposing closed institutions from ministries to courts although he made the classic documentary *THE SECRET POLICEMAN'S BALL*, about a series of Amnesty benefit concerts by a cast of brilliant British comedians including Monty Python. Graef will join in conversation with Sheffielded DocFest Director, Heather Croall on Monday 26 February at The Mercury.

Internationally acclaimed conductor **Paul Hiller** and his Theatre of Voices, along with organist **Christopher Bowers Broadbent** will be performing the exclusive world premiere of **Paolo Cherchi Usai's PASSIO** on Friday 23 February at the Adelaide Town Hall.

Noah Cowan, co director of the Toronto International Film Festival will be at the Festival as the Natuzzi Award Jury President. Other jurors include **Mick Harvey** (*The Bad Seeds*), Nobel prize winning author **J.M.Coetzee**, directors **Clara Law** and **Ana Kokkinos**, AFI CEO **James Hewison** and **Margaret Pomeranz**, co host of *At The Movies*.

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