

## Winner of Cannes Palme d'Or 2024, *Anora*, to close MAMI Mumbai Film Festival 2024



**Mumbai, October 04, 2024:** MAMI Mumbai Film Festival is thrilled to announce this year's Closing Film, *Anora*. Directed by Sean Baker, *Anora* will have its South Asia Premiere on 24 October 2024, the final day of the festival, marking a grand conclusion to an exciting lineup of world-class cinema.

Sean Baker's *Anora* has captivated audiences since its premiere at the 2024 Festival de Cannes, where it won the prestigious Palme d'Or. Distributed by Warner Bros. Discovery in India, the film blends Baker's trademark empathy for marginalised characters with screwball dramedy, telling the story of Ani (Mikey Madison), a Brooklyn sex worker who gets mixed up with the Russian mafia.

Baker, who served as the head of jury for the International Competition section at MAMI in 2018, continues his exploration of the marginalised and often overlooked individuals in society (as seen in *Tangerine* and *The Florida Project*).

Anu Rangachar, Head of International Programming at MAMI said, "*It's a fitting tribute to close the festival with one of MAMI's most loved alumni Sean Baker's Cannes Palme d'Or winner Anora - a searing critique on wealth, privilege and the American dream, brought to life by Mickey Madison's luminous performance.*"

MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, from **Saturday, 19 to Thursday, 24 October 2024**, promises a spectacular six-day celebration of world cinema, community, creativity, and culture. With over 110 films in more than 50 languages, including features and



non-features across all genres, the festival will once again bring cinematic excellence to the heart of Mumbai.

**Notes to editors:**

***About MAMI Mumbai Film Festival***

MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, organised by the Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI), has brought the best of contemporary world cinema and talent to the city of Mumbai since 1997. With its expanded vision to spotlight South Asian and South Asian diaspora filmmakers, MAMI becomes the hub for South Asia, discovering and connecting emerging talent to the worldwide festival ecosystem. Along with celebrating cinematic excellence and bringing joy to our audiences, we aim to facilitate the exchange of ideas and provide easy access to information related to filmmaking. funding, film distribution, business opportunities, and strategic marketing support for films and filmmakers. The Academy also conducts a robust Year Round Programme that acts as a hub for creators and cinephiles through screenings, networking opportunities, access to labs and workshops for skill development, masterclasses, and, very importantly, creating a community of cinema lovers.

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