

## Italy's IFF to Screen Burial, Son of Man



TEHRAN -- 'Burial', a feature film by Muhammad Tanabandeh, will be screened at the 20th edition of the annual Ischia Film Festival (IFF) in Italy.

Tanabandeh's first feature film as a director deals with a human and social issue from a different perspective. The flick is considered an anti-war film production.

Tehran-based Raw Company has served as the international distributor of the movie.

Among the new names in the cast list are Hussein Mehri, Toumaj Danesh Behzadi, Majid Saedi and Ayoub Daman.

The Ischia Film Festival is an

open competition for films and documentaries regardless of language: fiction, documentary, animation.

The 20th edition will start on Saturday, June 25 and end on July 2, 2022.

Iranian movie 'Son of Man' will also be screened at the Italian festival.

The international distribution of the social drama is owned by Silver Mountain Productions Company.

Behnam Sharafi, Leila Zare, Majid Potki, Paria Mardanian and Hadi Eftekharzadeh star before the camera at the film.

## Houston Festival Awards Gold Remi to the Doll



55<sup>th</sup> WORLD FEST HOUSTON

TEHRAN -- Iranian documentary 'The Doll' has grabbed the Gold Remi award at the 55th edition of the WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival in the U.S.

Directed by Elaheh Esmaeeli, the 33-minute documentary shows how the whole family members of a young girl can have parts in her future and fate. She is only 14 when the family is making a decision about marrying her off.

The short doc has already toured various global events, including the Atlanta Film Festival in the U.S., the International

Film Festival of Huesca in Spain, and the kortfilmfestivalen in Norway.

Rezvan Beheshtian, Sahar Abdollahi, Muhammad-Javad Asadi, and Nabiollah Minaee are the main cast members of the flick.

The WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival is "the third oldest film festival in North America and the oldest independent film festival in the world", the website of the event reads.

The festival aims to support and promote creative films. The 55th edition of the festival was held on April 20-24, 2022.

## On the Beach Shortlisted for Competition in Spain

TEHRAN -- Iranian short film 'On the Beach' has made it into the competition section of the 2022 Love & Hope International Film Festival (L'HIFF) in Spain.

Written and directed by Abolhassan Keyvan, 'On the Beach' is filmed on Iran's Kish Island.

The short flick depicts the story of a young man whose fiancé has migrated abroad. The man is waiting for her on the beach for days. His brother visits him every day, brings him food and water, and sometimes blames him for this situation.

'On the Beach' recently won the Best Short Fiction Award at the 20th International Multicultural Film Festival in the United States.

The Love & Hope International Film Festival - Barcelona (L'HIFF) is a platform for both emerging and established filmmakers, from all over the world to take part in film experience.

The festival also offers masterclasses, workshops, guest speaker talks, film premieres, financing advisers, Q&A sessions, film screenings and network with like-minded creators.

The Spanish film festival is scheduled to take place on September 6-10, 2022 in Barcelona.

# Festival of Ethnic Groups Held in Khorramabad

TEHRAN -- The fifth national cultural festival of Iranian ethnic groups is being held at Golestan Garden at the historical fortress of Falak-ol-Aflak in Khorramabad in western Iran.

Artists and ethnic groups from 30 provinces of Iran are participating in the festival being held through May 8-12 and host various segments of the population, tourists, and artists.

Falak-ol-Aflak Castle is an an-

cient fortress which literally means the sky of all the skies or the highest tower fortress built during the Sassanid era.

Ali-Asghar Shalbafian, deputy tourism minister said the integration of Iranian ethnic groups is one of the important features of the festival.

Lorestan province, with its historical and cultural capacities, especially its beautiful nature, is a main tourist destination in western Iran.



## Envoy: Serbia, Iran Have Many Common Words

TEHRAN -- Serbian Ambassador to Tehran Dragan Todorović on Thursday referred to similarities between Tehran International Book Fair (TIBF) and International Belgrade Book Fair and stressed the need for improving cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Attending the 33rd Tehran International Book Fair, Todorović said the people of Serbia are not strange to Iranian people and culture and

the two nations have many words in common.

"People and officials of both countries have a positive view toward each other and the Serbian people interestedly follow the news about the Iranian people and culture," he said.

"On this basis, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Iran and Serbia to offer free stands in the two international book fairs of each other and display

their books for the interested visitors," he added.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the ambassador said both Tehran International Book Fair and International Belgrade Book Fair pave the ground for better cultural interaction between the two countries.

Serbia was the guest of honor at the 31st Tehran International Book Fair held in 2018.

In 2017, on the sidelines of the 62nd Belgrade Inter-

national Book Fair, Iran and Geopoetika International Publishing House of Serbia signed a memorandum of understanding for corporations in print industry.

The motto of the current Tehran International Book Fair that is underway until March 21 at Imam Khomeini prayer grounds (Mosalla) is: "With Book, We Stay Safe". Qatar with a group of publishers is the guest of honor of the event.

## Sofa to Vie for Awards at Naples Festival

TEHRAN -- The screenplay of Iranian short film 'Sofa' has found a competition slot at the 2022 Gulf of Naples Independent Film Festival in Italy.

Written and directed by Sahra Ramezani, 'Sofa' will be vying at the 8th edition of the Italian festival which is due for May 26-28, 2022 in Naples.

'Sofa' was previously screened at the 14th Angelica Festival in the U.S. state of California.

'Sofa' narrates the story of a couple who are encountered with a bitter truth right on their wedding night.

Ramezani also made her directorial debut with 'The Sea' in 2020, which competed at the 27th Annual Twin Rivers Media Festival in the US, the IndieX Film Fest - Los Angeles Int'l Film Festival, the NewFilmmakers NY (New York's longest running year round Film Festival), the 14h Int'l Rotary Short Film Festival (ROFIFE) in Turkey, the Clapperboard Golden Festival in Brazil and the Changing Face Int'l Film Festival in Australia.

dependent Film Festival" is an international showcase for various types and genres of movies which aims at "promoting and popularizing art films and experimental films with a small-scale distribution, thus becoming a meeting point of different artistic experiences," according to the event's official website.



## Picture of the Day



The 33rd Tehran International Book Fair (TIBF) on the second day. (Photo by IRNA)

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