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– BEST ASIAN FILM PRESENTED BY EIG NOMINEE SYNOPSES –

1987 WHEN THE DAY COMES

1987 WHEN THE DAY COMES is based on real-life events surrounding the June 1987 Democracy Movement which brought about the end of the military regime of Korean President Chun Doo-hwan. In 1987 Korea, under an oppressive military regime, college student Park Jong-chul is tortured to death during police interrogation sessions. Government officials are quick to cover-up the death and order the body to be cremated. A prosecutor who is supposed to sign the cremation release raises questions about a 21-year-old dying of a heart attack, and begins looking into the case for the truth.

THE BOLD, THE CORRUPT AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Madame Tang, an antiques dealer, lives in a mansion in with her two daughters. Acting as mediators between high ranking government officials and the rich, the trio's lives are dragged into tragedy when the family of one of their close friends is murdered. It soon escalates into a game of survival, in which ambition, desire and lust will change the family's relationships forever.

DYING TO SURVIVE

Based on a true story, **DYING TO SURVIVE** follows Yong Cheng, the owner of a small Indian aphrodisiac store. After being visited by a mysterious stranger, Yong Cheng's life changes dramatically. He becomes an exclusive agent of a pirated, anti-cancer drug from India, earning large profits and the label 'God of Medicine' amongst his patients. But he also attracts the attention of the police who accuse him of breaking the law, and a battle for redemption begins.

GALI GULEIYAN

In the walled city of Old Delhi a reclusive shopkeeper spends his days obsessively watching people through hidden closed circuit cameras. When he overhears a boy being beaten, he begins to frantically search for the child. As he becomes lost in the labyrinth of the city's alleys and the recesses of his mind, his grasp on reality falters until he stumbles upon a shocking truth.

NEWTON

As India braces itself for another election, Newton Kumar, a rookie government clerk, finds himself entrusted with a deceptively simple task: conducting elections in a remote village in the jungles of central-India. The jungle teems with Communist guerrillas, waging a decades-old war against the state, while the Indigenous tribe live without access to mainland amenities. Conducting 'free and fair' elections in this minefield is no child's play as Newton learns over the course of one eventful day. Unfazed with the cynicism and danger all around him, Newton is determined to do his duty. As they say in the jungle, "the more things change, the worse the will get."



SANJU

A hilarious and heartbreaking exploration of one man's journey through everything that life can throw at him. **SANJU** follows the life of Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt; his film career, addiction to drugs, jail sentence for his alleged association with the 1993 Bombay bombings and his personal life.

SHOPLIFTERS

After one of their shoplifting sessions, Osamu and his son come across a little girl in the freezing cold. At first reluctant to shelter the girl, Osamu's wife agrees to take care of her after learning of the hardships she faces. Although the family is poor, barely making enough money to survive through petty crime, they seem to live happily together until an unforeseen incident reveals hidden secrets, testing the bonds that unite them.

TOMBIRUO

Tombiruo is a troubled young man; deformed, dutiful and burdened with powers that do not bend to his will. The tragic death of his father causes him to seek revenge and punish those responsible.

YOUTH

YOUTH chronicles the lives of a group of idealistic members of a military performing art troupe in the People's Liberation Army during the Cultural Revolution. They experience love, lust, betrayal and heartbreak that shape their lives in this coming-of-age tale.