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Cine Europa, the most influential cultural diplomacy tool of the European Union, will officially kick-off in Manila on September 20, 2019 at the Greenbelt 3 Cinema 1 featuring 13 highly acclaimed movies to be presented by the Embassies of Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.



Cine Europa (Cine Europa)

Now on its 22nd year, Cine Europa will also be travel to the different provinces and cities in the country, as it wants to reach out to more Filipino audience.

This year, it will fly to Bohol from October 11 to 12, in addition to Cebu; Baybay, Leyte, and Iloilo.

The EU's movie festival maintains its presence in Naga and Palawan in addition to Makati and Film Development Council of the Philippines, Kalaw, Manila.

"Cine Europa is a distinctive way to showcase European cultural diversity and to open up opportunities in the cultural and creative industries," said EU Delegation to the Philippines Chargé d'Affaires, Wiersing.

The 13 films to be featured this year are movies about the enduring tales of love, friendship, faith, triumph, and courage, including the Press Screening film, "Cold War".

Cold War is a passionate love story between a man and a woman who meet in the ruins of post-war Poland. With different backgrounds and temperaments, they are fatally mismatched and yet fatefully condemned to each other. Set against the background of the Cold War in the 1950s in Poland, Berlin, Yugoslavia, and Paris, the couple is separated by politics, character flaws and unfortunate twists of fate – an impossible love story in impossible times.

The film director is Paweł Pawlikowski, who co-wrote the screenplay. His most recent film, *Ida*, was a global success, winning the Oscar and BAFTA for the best foreign-language film as well as five European

Cine Europa is the longest and most comprehensive film festival in the country that started in 1998.

The festival is presented by the EU Delegation to the Philippines and the Embassies of Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom, as well as Alliance Francaise in Manila, the British Council, the Goethe-Institut, Instituto Cervantes, and the Philippine-Italian Association.



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