Anthony Chen's 'We Are All Strangers' to Bring 57th IFFI to a Poignant Close

> We Are All Strangers: A Tender Exploration of Love, Family and the Bonds That Transcend Generations; received critical aclaim and great reception at the International Film Festivals at Berlin, Melbourne, and Helsinki in 2026

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The 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will draw its curtains with '*We Are All Strangers*', a compelling feature film by acclaimed Singaporean filmmaker Anthony Chen. A 2026 Singaporean production, the film will be screened as the festival's Closing Film, offering audiences an evocative cinematic exploration of human relationships, familial ties and the complexities of contemporary life.



Set against the textured backdrop of contemporary Singapore, *We Are All Strangers* centres on 21-year-old Junyang, whose carefree existence is upended when a sudden turn in his relationship compels him and his girlfriend to confront the weight of adulthood far sooner than imagined.

Simultaneously, the arrival of a spirited woman in the life of Junyang's hardworking father subtly alters the unspoken equilibrium between father and son. Anchored by compelling performances, the film interlaces these parallel journeys as both generations navigate love, loss, and accountability, redefining the contours of family and the delicate ties between the kin we inherit and the people we choose.

We Are All Strangers marks the latest chapter in Anthony Chen's celebrated *'Growing Up'* trilogy, extending the empathetic, acutely observed storytelling that first won him the Cannes Caméra d'Or for his debut, *Ilo Ilo* (2013), and continued through *Wet Season*. Prior to its showcase in Goa, the film was presented at the 2026 Berlin International Film Festival and garnered acclaim at the Melbourne and Helsinki International Film Festivals.

The 57th IFFI, organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, and the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), in association with the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), will be held in Panaji from 20th to 28th November 2026. The festival will be celebrated under the theme 'Stories Without Borders', bringing together diverse cinematic voices and stories from across the world.

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