

European Film Award Sweepers ‘Sentimental Value’ and ‘Sirāt’ Take Center Stage at PIFF

The Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) continues to assert its status as a hub for world-class cinema, bringing two of the year's most acclaimed European titles to Indian screens. Fresh from their triumphs at the European Film Awards, the Norwegian drama *Sentimental Value* and the visceral thriller *Sirāt* are set to captivate audiences in Pune this week.

Leading the lineup is Joachim Trier's *Sentimental Value*, that recently dominated the European circuit, sweeping awards for Best Film, Director, Screenplay, and acting honors for leads Stellan Skarsgård and Renate Reinsve. Also a Grand Prix winner at Cannes, the film explores the fragile bond between an ageing filmmaker and his estranged daughter as they collaborate on his final project.

Offering a stark contrast is Oliver Laxe's *Sirāt*. A visually arresting existential road-trip thriller, the film was celebrated for its technical mastery at the European Film Awards. Known for its brooding techno score and sensory approach, *Sirāt* immerses viewers in a narrative of survival and spiritual exhaustion.

Screening Schedule:

Sentimental Value: Tomorrow, Jan 19 (2:20 PM at PVR Pavilion Mall) and Jan 21 (12:40 PM at E-Square, Shivaji Nagar).

Sirāt: Tomorrow, Jan 19 (5:00 PM at E-Square, Shivaji Nagar).