



FILIPINO INDIE FILM AT THE SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

SYDNEY – Filipino film director Brillante Mendoza is in Sydney for the showing of his film *Lola* at the 57th Sydney Film Festival. *Lola* will be screened at the State Theatre, 49 Market Street on 7 June (6:30 pm) and 8 June (10:00 am).

Lola is one of the twelve films that are being considered for the 2010 Sydney Film Festival Prize, which “is awarded in recognition of courageous, audacious and cutting-edge filmmaking. The award recognises bold ideas and decisions on the part of the films’ creative teams, and celebrates films that make the audience think and feel differently about cinema and the world.”

Lola has already earned six awards from various international film bodies, namely, the 24th Fribourg International Film Festival, the 11th Las Palmas de Gran Canaria International Film Festival, the Golden Lady Harmiguada (Spain), and the International Academy of Film Societies.

Mendoza will be interviewed by Julie Rigg (Movietime, ABC Radio National) on 8 June, 12:15 pm, at the State Theatre, immediately after the screening of his film.

Tickets may be purchased online through www.sinta.com.au or directly at the State Theatre.

Lola, produced in 2009, was screened at the Venice Film Festival in September 2009.

Mendoza participated in the 55th Sydney Film Festival, held in 2008, during which two of his films, *Tirador* and *Foster Child*, were screened.

The Philippine Consulate General in Sydney is a cultural partner of the Sydney Film Festival.

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