

Richard Gere to grace Dubai film festival

Hollywood actor Richard Gere will attend the third Dubai International Film Festival that started Sunday - where the most high profile participants from India will be Shah Rukh Khan.

Gere will participate in a seminar, 'Operation Cultural Bridge', Dec 15 along with some top actors and directors, reports Sheeraz Hasan, founder of hollywood.tv.com.

They will discuss many issues such as violence in the media and the responsibility of the artist. They are also expected to touch upon the issue of dialogue among civilizations and reconciliation between enemies.

With a star-studded launch, the week-long event will showcase 115 movies from 47 countries.

Besides Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan, Egyptian veterans Mahmud Abdul Aziz, Salah al-Saadani and Laila Elwi will be among the Arab actors showing up.

The line up also includes Oliver Stone, who will be honored by organisers and whose 'World Trade Center' will be screened, and Barrie Osborne, producer of 'Lord Of The Rings.' A key guest will include Prince Albert II of Monaco.

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