Myanmar Film Festival to be held in Los Angeles

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The fifth annual Myanmar Film Festival will be held in Los Angeles, US, on October 7 and 14 at the Downtown Independent Theatre.

"Chinlone Magic Circle", directed by Kyi See Tun, is among five films that will be screened at the festival.

"This film is about playing the traditional Myanmar sport Chinlone. The producer is a Myanmar national living in America. He was interested in the art of playing Chinlone and contacted me to film a documentary," said Kyi See Tun.

"Nargis – When Time Stopped Breathing", directed by The Maw Naing and Pe Maung Same, is another documentary to be screened at the festival, about the impact of Cyclone Nargis after it hit the Ayeyawaddy Delta in 2008.

The documentary has already won four awards, including the Special Mention Award at the 2010 Visions du Réel International Documentary Film Festival in Nyon.

Other films include "Burmese Butterfly", directed by Hnin Ei Hlaing (Yangon Film School) about the emerging gay community in Myanmar, and "A Life in Blue" directed by Yasmin C Rans about female migrant workers in Mae Sot, close to the Myanmar border.

The Myanmar Film Festival is organised by Network of Myanmar American Association to share the rich culture of Myanmar through the medium of cinema.