

# DEKHO FILM FESTIVAL

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MAY  
2024

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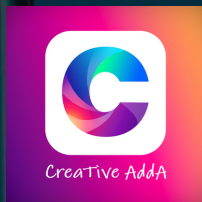
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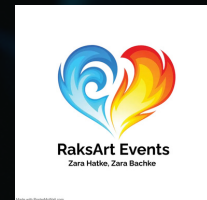
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# DIRECTOR'S WORD

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Dear Filmmakers and Esteemed Audiences,

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that we welcome you to the inaugural edition of the Dekho Film Festival, organized by the FilmyBees Cine Club, here in the vibrant heart of Versova, Mumbai. This year marks a significant transformation for our beloved festival, which was previously known as the AAB Film Festival and had the privilege of traveling to numerous cities across India, including Kolkata, Ludhiana, and Chandigarh. This is our first foray into Mumbai, and we couldn't be more thrilled to share this momentous occasion with you.

The transition from AAB Film Festival to Dekho Film Festival symbolizes not just a change in name, but an evolution in our vision and mission. "Dekho," meaning "look" or "see" in Hindi, embodies our core philosophy of encouraging audiences to open their eyes to new perspectives, diverse stories, and the myriad ways in which cinema can inspire, educate, and entertain. In Mumbai, the beating heart of the Indian film industry, this vision takes on a special significance.

For filmmakers, Dekho Film Festival represents a unique platform to showcase your artistry in a city renowned for its rich cinematic heritage and boundless creative energy. We are honored to present your work to an audience that is as passionate about films as the people who create them. This festival is a celebration of your dedication, your creativity, and your ability to push the boundaries of storytelling. Whether you are an established filmmaker or a burgeoning talent, your participation enriches the festival and helps cultivate a thriving community of cinephiles and artists.

To our esteemed audiences, your presence is what makes this festival truly special. We have curated a diverse lineup of films that span various genres, languages, and themes, reflecting the incredible diversity of experiences and voices within the world of cinema. We invite you to immerse yourselves in the stories that these talented filmmakers have so painstakingly brought to life. Engage with the films, participate in discussions, and connect with fellow film enthusiasts. Your engagement is the lifeblood of this festival, fostering a space where ideas and perspectives can be freely exchanged.

As we embark on this new chapter in Mumbai, we remain committed to the values that have always guided our festival: inclusivity, creativity, and the celebration of cinematic excellence. We have meticulously planned this edition to ensure it offers not only an opportunity to watch groundbreaking films but also to participate in workshops, panel discussions, and networking events designed to inspire and connect.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the filmmakers who have entrusted us with their creations and to the audience members whose passion for cinema fuels our drive to continue this journey. We are also immensely thankful to our sponsors, partners, and volunteers, whose support and dedication have been invaluable in bringing this festival to life.

Welcome to the Dekho Film Festival. We hope this experience will leave you inspired, entertained, and eager for more. Let us celebrate the magic of cinema together, here in the city where dreams are made.

Warm regards,



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*Gary Panjabi*

Gary Panjabi  
Festival Director  
Dekho Film Festival  
**FilmyBees Cine Club**



## OFFICIAL FILMS

### A GUERRA FINITA



Directed by: Simone Massi

Country: Italy

Synopsis: A world without war is another utopia that we cannot wait any longer

Un mondo senza guerra è un'altra utopia che non possiamo attendere oltre

“ UN MONDO SENZA GUERRA  
È UN'ALTRA UTOPIA  
CHE NON POSSIAMO  
ATTENDERE OLTRE ”

#### Simone Massi



Director's Bio: Simone Massi was born in Pergola (Italy) on May 23rd, 1970. After getting his degree in Animated Cinema from the State Institute of Fine Arts of Urbino, he began to work as a free-lance animator.



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ideazione, disegni e regia SIMONE MASSI  
voce narrante GINO STRADA  
collaborazione ai disegni ALICE BRUSCOLI, EUGENIO CARLINI, FRANCESCO RUGGERI  
GIUSEPPE SCALA, ANTHONY VALENTI PETTINO, MARTINA VENTURINI  
ripresi JULIA GROMSKAYA, ACHILLE MASSI  
colonna sonora originale LORENZO DANESIN  
postproduzione, montaggio, titoli ALBERTO GIROTTI  
incollustratore fogli PIETRO ELISEI, EMANUELE ELISEI, NELLO MASSI, SIMONE MASSI  
produzione SIMONE MASSI



# OFFICIAL FILMS

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## AUNT VALERIA



Directed by: Marta Specolizzi, Sarah Emilie Lillie Bergen

Country: Italy

Synopsis: “Che buffa, la zia Valeria” is a short film that tells the story of Valeria Specolizzi, a lesbian woman who grew up in Salento - a region in Southern Italy - in the seventies and eighties. The film works with memory and queer genealogy while exploring the social environment of Salento in that time period.

**Marta Specolizzi, Sarah Emilie Lillie Bergen**



Director's Bio: Marta is a young, emerging director from Italy. Her direction style involves a big attention to detail - a rare appreciation for even the smallest moments; a gaze, a movement, a ray of light. She is concerned with giving dignity back to tiny but precious moments, which to her make every day life meaningful.



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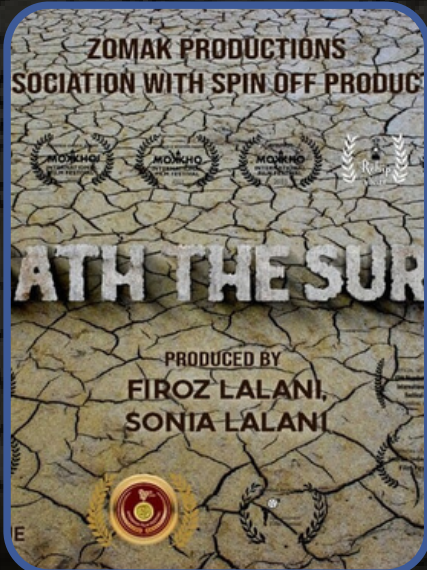
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## BENEATH THE SURFACE



Directed by: Rudraksha Chandrakant Raje

Country: India

Synopsis: "Beneath the surface" is a short film that envisions a world grappling with severe water scarcity in the year 2065. The film is a stark portrayal of a dystopian future where water is a rare and precious commodity, leading to a society marked by conflict, survival, and the pursuit of hope. It also aims to inform and inspire our viewers to care for our planet and safeguard our most vital resource, Water.

PRODUCED BY  
FIROZ LALANI,  
SONIA LALANI



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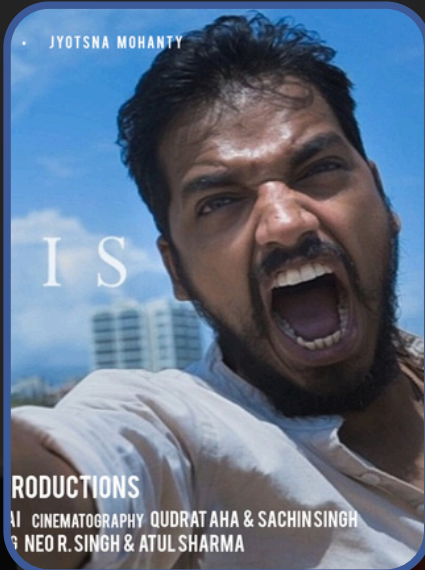
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## CATHARSIS



Directed by: Neo R. Singh

Country: India

### Neo R. Singh



Director's Bio: Neo R. Singh is a young filmmaker born in California USA, brought up in Himachal Pradesh India. Catharsis - The Short Film is his first professional work as both Director and Writer.



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## CHIRBHOG



Directed by: NILESH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR

Country: India

**Synopsis:** This is the story of Yashwant, a low-caste boy from a tribal family, whose father works as a sewer cleaner in the village, and the village believes that Yashwant will also do the same job in the future. To end this evil practice forever, Yashwant leads an academic rebellion against his teacher and frees him from this torture of dirty work due to the caste system.

### NILESH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR



**Director's Bio:** Nilesch Yashwant Ambedkar is an Indian film director, producer, and screenwriter. He is also a social activist in Maharashtra. Ambedkar made his directorial debut with Marathi's short film Vanwas (EXILE). He loves to make films based on social issues and their resolution.

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DIRECTOR NILESH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR PRODUCER RAHUL SONAWANE, NILESH AMBEDKAR

STORY NILESH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR SCREENPLAY SANJAY BHARTIYA DIALOGUES SANJAY BHARTIYA, CHINTAMAN DHATRAK

CAMERAMAN VINAYAK JANGAM, ROHIT GAIKWAD EDITOR & DI COLOURIST MAYUR SATPUTE

MUSIC ACCHUT KUMAR SONARE & SOUND DESIGN SHASHIKANT KAMBLI MAKEUP & HAIRSTYLE SANDIP RAIKAR

COSTUME DESIGNER ANAND SONAWANE RECORDER SANGHMITRA SONAWANE PRODUCTION DESIGNER NILESH AMBEDKAR

BACK SINGER ANAND SONAWANE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER VINAYAK JANGAM SUBTITLES SHRADDHA JAGDALE SOUND RECORDIST VICKY MORE

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ANAND SONAWANE CALLIGRAPHY BUDDHABHUSHAN SALVE STILL PHOTOGRAPHY ROHIT GAIKWAD

DRONE ADRISELY CHAPARE BOOM ANIKET RAMNE STORY BOARD PRASHANT SHIRSATH LIGHTS SACHIN SALUNKHE

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER VINAYAK JANGAM BLUE HILL STUDIOS PRODUCTION INCHARGE AVINASH JUMADE, TILOTTAMA DAVISKAR



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## DOJO



Directed by: Armin Alic

Country: United States

Synopsis: Shane Lucas, an ex-Yakuza member and 4th degree black belt in Judo, is hunted down at his local dojo in Los Angeles 1985 by his long-time rival, Elias Da Rosa and his crew members from the same crime family. Shane is threatened to come back to the Yakuza or would suffer the consequence of not.

### Armin Alic



Director's Bio: Armin Alic was born in Croatia and moved to the United States at 8 years old. He has 12 years of experience in directing films, cinematography, and editing. Armin is a meticulous visionary who loves working with an inspired cast and crew to create a story.



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AN ARMIN ALIC FILMS PRODUCTION

WRITTEN BY: JON PAUL/LEIK H. CARNOT PRODUCED BY: JON PAUL CO-PRODUCER: NOISES PEREIRA DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: MAX DESDUNES  
SOUND BY: BEN MADE MAKE UP: DEBRA HURD STUNT COORDINATORS: JON PAUL/JUSTIN HARRIS MUSIC BY: NOISES PEREIRA POSTER DESIGN: DEAN DECK



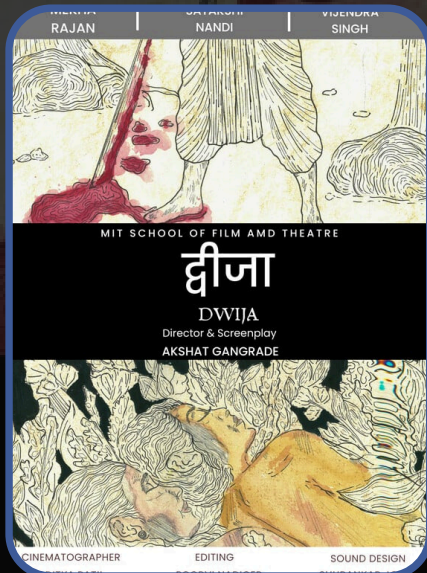
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RAJAN

SATAKSHI  
NANDI

VIJENDRA  
SINGH

## OFFICIAL FILMS

### DWIJA



Directed by: Akshat Ashutosh Gangrade

Country: India

Synopsis: Set in the primal times, Dwija is a tragic tale of two lovers who are violently separated from each other. They are beheaded and their heads are transposed.

### DWIJA

Director & Screenplay

AKSHAT GANGRADE

**Akshat Ashutosh Gangrade**



Director's Bio: Akshat Gangrade is a director-writer based in Mumbai. He has completed his graduation in direction and screenplay from MIT school of film and theatre.



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CINEMATOGRAPHER

ADITYA PATIL

EDITING

POORVI NADIGER

SOUND DESIGN

SHUBANKAR JOSHI

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## ENTER THE ROOM



Directed by: Harry Waldman

Country: United States

Synopsis: A young adult (Brian) is visited by his brother, Jeremy, who needs a place to stay as he settles into his new city. The two polar opposite personalities begin to clash as Jeremy's presence poses a threat to Brian's way of life.

### Harry Waldman



Director's Bio: I am a passionate filmmaker who has been watching movies since as long as I can remember. Some of my favorite films include "Memento", "The Dark Knight", "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, "Alien", etc.



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DIRECTED BY HARRY WALDMAN

HARRY WALDMAN PRODUCER/CINEMATOGRAPHER LANCE ELIOT ADAMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MOHAMED NAZAR  
EDITOR HARRY WALDMAN LOCATION/SOUND COOY ADAMS AND CHRIS COLABELLA CATER STEVE WESTER AND RYAN ZELLER  
WRITER HARRY WALDMAN PRODUCTION ASSISTANT WILLIAM RAY FILM PRODUCTION COMPANY EDGEWATER FILM PRODUCTIONS



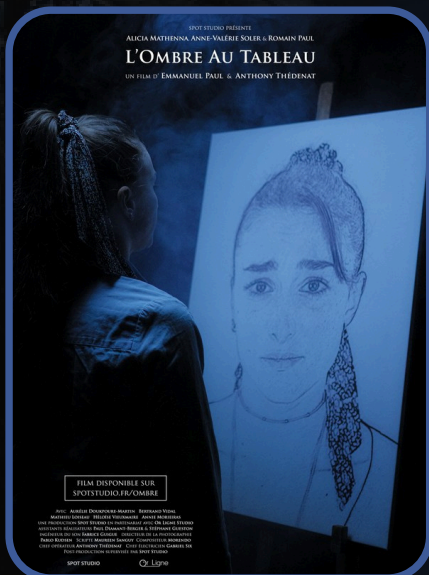
SPOT STUDIO PRÉSENTE

ALICIA MATHENNA, ANNE-VALÉRIE SOLER & ROMAIN PAUL

# L'OMBRE AU TABLEAU

UN FILM D' EMMANUEL PAUL & ANTHONY THÉDENAT

## L'OMBRE AU TABLEAU



Directed by: Anthony Thédénat,  
Emmanuel Paul  
Country: France

Synopsis: Chloé is a young woman of 19 years old. Between a mother who constantly puts her down and a father who doesn't say anything, she only finds comfort in the arms of Timothy. She can't stand the situation anymore but will she find the strength to face it?

**Anthony Thédénat,  
Emmanuel Paul**



Director's Bio: Ad Vitam Ad Mortem, Memento Mori, Once upon a time, Tabula Rasa, Lune Rouge (L'ombre du destin)...

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AVEC: ANNE-VALÉRIE SOLER, ROMAIN PAUL, BERTRAND VIDAL  
MATHÉA LORRAINE, ANNE-VALÉRIE SOLER, ANNE MORITRAS  
UNE PRODUCTION DE SPOT STUDIO  
ASSISTANTS RÉALISATEURS: PAUL DIAMANT-BERGER & STÉPHANE GUESTON  
INGÉNIEUR DU SON: FABRICE CHIGOUT  
DIRECTEUR DE LA PHOTOGRAPHIE: PABLO KUDSEN  
SCRIPT: MAUREEN SANGUY  
COMPOSITEUR: MORENO  
CHIEF OPÉRATEUR: ANTHONY THÉDENAT  
CHIEF ÉLECTRICIEN: GABRIEL SIX  
POST-PRODUCTION SUPERVISÉE PAR SPOT STUDIO

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# OFFICIAL FILMS

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## MADHUBALA - SHORT FILM



Directed by: Ram Pandit

Country: India

### Ram Pandit



Director's Bio: done web series for Amazon mini (series Name - Murder In Agonda)& Eros Now (Series Name - The Caves & Kar Gayi Chull) as a 2nd unit director lots of tv episodic shows like Crime Patrol, Savdhaan India, Crime Alert etc.....Currently doing Show For Sony Liv (Adrishyam) as a Creative Head



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HER CHOICE IS LIFE

## OFFICIAL FILMS

### MIA SAN MIA 2023



Directed by: Sabahet Dzafica

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Synopsis: "Mia San Mia" is an emotional film that provides insight into the challenges faced by children with special needs and their parents behind closed doors. The main story follows the life of one family and their struggle with their child's illness.

### Sabahet Dzafica

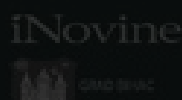


Director's Bio: Bihać-born film director Sabahet Dzafica, known for "In the Valley of Heroes," founded "Konektija Studio" and teaches Bosnian language and literature.



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KONEKT&JA STUDIO IN ASSOCIATION WITH SAN PRODUCTION PRESENTS DOCUMENTARY FILM "MIA SAN MIA" DIRECTED BY SABAHET DZAFICA PRODUCER BORISLAV BANJAC CINEMATOGRAPHER MILAN SAVIC CINEMATOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT STEFAN VIDOJEVIC SOUND TECHNICIAN STEFAN PETROVIC SOUND AHMED TALOVIC AND MILAN SAVIC MUSIC AHMED TALOVIC



# OFFICIAL FILMS

## MIND YOUR LIMITS (AUKAAT MEIN REH)



Directed by: Prachi Chowghule, Shoneel Yallattikar

Country: India

Synopsis: "Mind Your Limits" is a Music Video about women expressing their anger over the toxic masculinity that they experience during their daily walks of life.

**Prachi Chowghule,  
Shoneel Yallattikar**



Prachi Chowghule

Director's Bio: Prachi Chowghule is one of the few Indian Female Filmmakers based in Mumbai. Growing up in Bollywood City always fueled her dreams. Her creative senses got moulded in Barry John Acting School while learning about acting and film techniques. She found her path to express herself through storytelling.



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PRODUCER MINDCRAFTZ | CO-PRODUCER ABSTRACT SMOKE PRODUCTIONS  
VOCALS MUGDHA KARHADE & ASHISH JOSHI | ARRANGEMENT HRISHIKESH GANGAN  
PRODUCER MILIND SABNIS | EDITING & VFX CHINMAY SHIVALKAR & TEJAS SALVI | DI COLOURIST KP  
CHOWGHULE & SHONEEL YALLATTIKAR | DOP LAUKIK JOSHI | PROMOS & PUBLICITY DESIGN 91



# OFFICIAL FILMS

## RELAPSE



Directed by: Justyna Gabriela Bodzek

Country: United Kingdom

Synopsis: Zuzanna is a young sensitive girl who struggles with mental illness.

One sunny afternoon an ordinary walk becomes a terrifying escape. Zuzanna starts the frantic run to save her life and embarks on a journey to discover the painful truth. Is she going to be alright?

**Justyna Gabriela Bodzek**



Director's Bio: Justyna Bodzek is a new graduate of Broadcast Production - TV & Radio at the University of the West of Scotland. She grew up in Poland and moved to England at the age of 19 to chase her dreams of discovering new cultures and travelling.

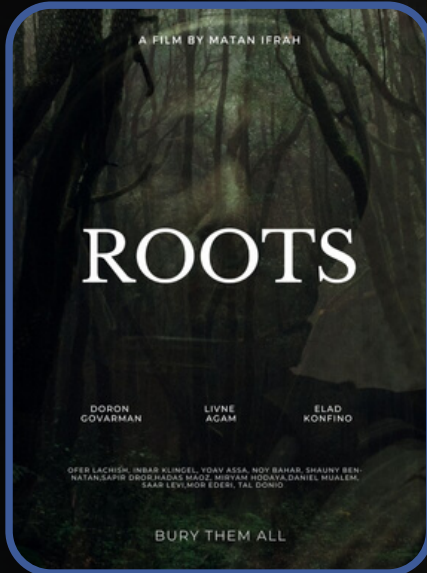


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## ROOTS



Directed by: Matan Ifrah

Country: Israel

Synopsis: A 21-year-old soldier battling PTSD, coming home after a devastating war to find that nothing is the way it used to be.

### Matan Ifrah



Director's Bio: Matan Ifrah, 33, lives in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Graduated from the Camera Obscura School of Art, at the Department of Film and Television in 2016.

OFER LACHISH, INBAR KLINGEL, YOAV ASSA, NOY BAHAR, SHAUNY BEN-NATAN, SAPIR DROR, HADAS MAOZ, MIRYAM HODAYA, DANIEL MUALEM, SAAR LEVI, MOR EDERI, TAL DONIO



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BURY THEM ALL



PIERRE LAMBELL

NINA RODRIGUEZ

ELIE BOISSIÈRE

## OFFICIAL FILMS

## SLEEPING JADE



Directed by: Jonathan BOISSINOT

Country: France

Synopsis: While trying to relax after a day of work, Jade and Gabriel are disturbed by their neighbor, a lonely man they hear smashing the broken elevator with a hammer. The young couple tries to ignore him, but their neighbor is determined to make himself heard, whatever it takes.

## SLEEPING JADE

A SHORT FILM BY JONATHAN BOISSINOT



WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JONATHAN BOISSINOT ARTISTIC COLLABORATION ZOÉ LECLERCO ORIGINAL SCORE GILLES MONFORT CINEMATOGRAPHY BASILE  
BAUDELET SCRIPT SUPERVISOR NICOLA TRAUTMANN SETS AND COSTUMES LENA HAQUE MAKEUP MARIE ABONNEAU STAGE MANAGEMENT NATHAN  
BURNOTTE, SOPHIE MARGUERITE COLOR GRADING ULYSSE GAILLOT MIX GILLES MONFORT EDITING JONATHAN BOISSINOT CHIEF LIGHTING TECHNICIAN  
MICHEL FOROPON CAMERA ASSISTANTS SACHA LÉVÊQUE THIBAUT ALCOUFFE MARIA MASHTAKOVA MARC LEYVAL

" WE EXIST. WE ARE VALID. WE ARE WORTHY. "

## OFFICIAL FILMS

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### STIGMA



Directed by: phalgun kukkadapui

Country: India

Synopsis: An young innocent trans woman faces stigma for sending money to her parents in urgent at mid night



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PRODUCED BY - RAMULU CHANDRAKALA PRANAY SAIKUMAR VIJAY

AN SRINU SAIKIRAN CHARAN NAVEEN ARAVIND RA



# OFFICIAL FILMS

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## SUPERTRAMP



Directed by: Fabrizio Gammardella

Country: United Kingdom

Synopsis: A stray puppy gets rescued by a sweet, little girl, finally finding a family he can live with. But Destiny has something else in store for the dog, who ends up on the street once again.

**Fabrizio  
Gammardella**



Director's Bio: Born in Italy in 1985, Fabrizio is a multi-award-winning Editor and Animation Director. Over the past years he produced and directed several animated films which got selected in a number of International Film Festivals all around the world - including BAFTA and Canadian Screen Award events.



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## THE CAT BURGLAR



Directed by: Xuewei Sun

Synopsis: A boy and a cat trying to retrieve a dragon's horn that was cut and stolen by several assailants



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# The Cat Burglar



# OFFICIAL FILMS

## THE HEIR



Directed by: Nikita Tuzov

Country: Russian Federation

Synopsis: Caught up in a life of club activities and illicit dealings, Slava receives a call from his ailing father, an oligarch and prominent businessman, who urgently requests assistance in managing the family business.

### Nikita Tuzov



Director's Bio: Trained as a navigator engineer, graduated from the Maritime Academy of Moscow State Technical University in 2009. A self-taught filmmaker, he has produced several documentaries, with "Sea Is Shaking" (2019) receiving accolades at various Russian and international festivals. "The Heir" marks his debut feature work.



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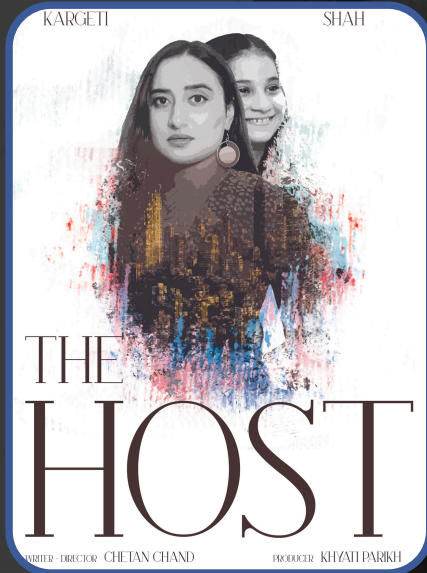


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# OFFICIAL FILMS

## THE HOST



Directed by: Chetan Chand

Country: India

### Chetan Chand



**Director's Bio:** Chetan has been in the industry for the past 15 years and has worked in different fields as Art Director for Movies like Rahenge Sada Gardish Mein Taare & Nagesh Kukunoor's Dak Ghar which is available on Zee5. Set & Light Designer for Theatre Plays with renowned artists like - Shabana Azmi, Satish Kaushik, Saurabh Shukla, Naseeruddin Shah, Raell Padamsee, Meherzad Patel, Saif Hasan, Alaque Padamsee and many more. More than 70 plays have been designed by him and almost did 1000 shows in total.



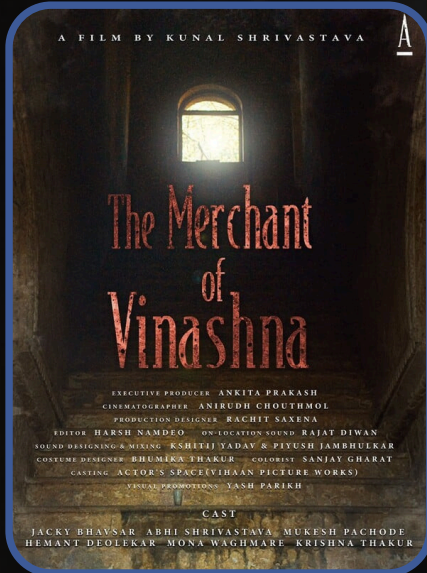
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WRITER - DIRECTOR CHETAN CHAND

PRODUCER KHYATI PARIKH



## THE MERCHANT OF VINASHNA



Directed by: Kunal Shrivastava

Country: India

Synopsis: In a dark and lonely wintry night, a tea seller is visited by a stranger who calls himself a trader of stories and claims to have come from an unknown city called Vinashna. He tells the tea seller a story about death.

## Kunal Shrivastava



Director's Bio: Kunal Shrivastava is a filmmaker based in New Jersey. He grew up in Bhopal, India and films have been a constant and dear companion of his for as long as he can remember- they've been a helping hand and shoulder to cry on, an advisor and teacher.



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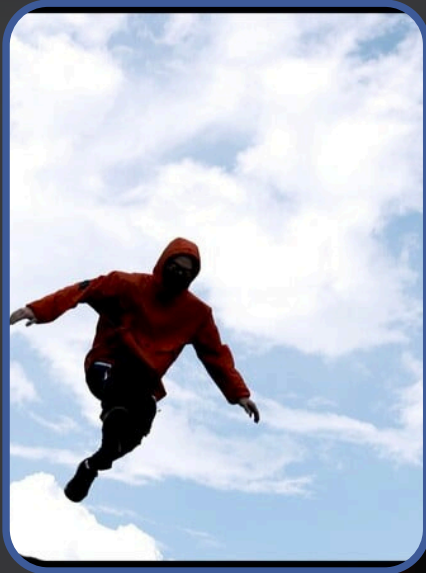
## CAST

JACKY BHAVSAR ABHI SHRIVASTAVA MUKESH PACHODE  
HEMANT DEOLEKAR MONA WAGHMARE KRISHNA THAKUR

# OFFICIAL FILMS

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## THE MOMENT YOU NEED ACTION\_1MIN



Directed by: Vampire S

Country: Korea, Republic of

Synopsis: An elderly man receives an urgent call.

He sprints, jumps a fence and climbs up a wall to a rooftop where he spots a questionable vehicle.

Leaping to a neighboring rooftop, he runs down stairs and through alleys. In the final stretch, we wonder whether this man will complete his mission in time.



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## THE RELAPSE

Addiction



Directed by: Naren Singh Nayak

Country: India

Synopsis: Psychological suspense  
thriller based on adiction

### Naren Singh Nayak



Director's Bio: Software Engineer turned  
Independent Film Maker From Mumbai.

Written and Directed By Naren Singh Nayak



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## THE ROAD TO HOME



Directed by: ZONG YING YU

Country: Taiwan

Synopsis: Introduction: this is one of the few stories in Taiwan where the ecology affects the entire village. Longtan Lake in Jiaoxi is home to Taiwan's only migratory Sharp-jaw barbel ecosystem.

### ZONG YING YU



Director's Bio: Yuyingzong is a production company that is good at dialogue with the land. We have our own terraced field and hopes to connect with the earth through our photography portfolio to create the best ecological farm in Taiwan.



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## TWINKLE



Directed by: Jacob Rodela, Akio Kozuka, Mavis Xu, Dixin Tan, Xueting Jiang, Isabella Li, Jonathan Chen, Shan-Shan Ou Yang, Michelle Seliga, Matthew Junn  
Country: Canada

Synopsis: A young lion is entranced by the beauty of the glow-in-the-dark stars decorating his bedroom. Determined to keep his room dark and the stars glowing brightly, he begins a mission to cover up his window. Amidst his setbacks, he discovers beauty beyond the glowing stars, and embarks on a journey into his imagination.



Director's: Jacob Rodela, Akio Kozuka, Mavis Xu, Dixin Tan, Xueting Jiang, Isabella Li, Jonathan Chen, Shan-Shan Ou Yang, Michelle Seliga, Matthew Junn



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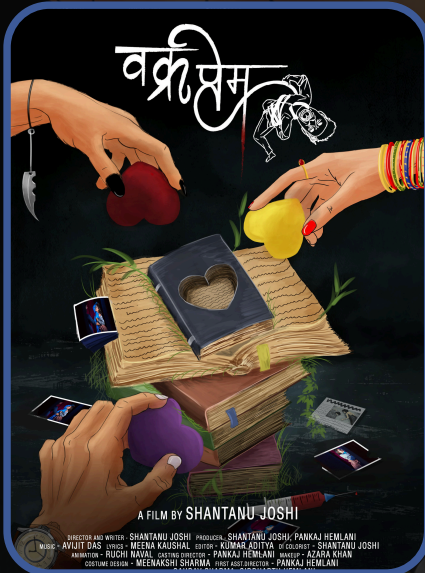
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JACOB RODELA | DIXIN TAN | AKIO KOZUKA | XUETING JIANG | MAVIS XU | MICHELLE SELIGA  
ISABELLA LI | SHAN-SHAN OU YANG | JONATHAN CHEN | MATTHEW JUNN



# OFFICIAL FILMS

## VAKRA PREM



Directed by: Shantanu Joshi

Country: India

### Shantanu Joshi



Director's: Shantanu Joshi hails from the vibrant city of Jaipur and brings a unique blend of technical acumen and creative flair to his diverse professional pursuits. As a software engineer, Shantanu is known for his meticulous attention to detail and unyielding determination, skills that have propelled him to the forefront of his field. His passion for storytelling and cinema has also led him to a parallel career as a film director and writer, where his hardworking nature and innovative vision come to life.

In his spare time, Shantanu is an avid reader, frequently found absorbing the latest news or diving deep into Wikipedia articles, further enriching his knowledge and perspective. His multidimensional career and personal interests reflect a life dedicated to continuous learning and artistic expression.



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A FILM BY SHANTANU JOSHI

DIRECTOR AND WRITER - SHANTANU JOSHI PRODUCER - SHANTANU JOSHI, PANKAJ HEMLANI  
AVIJIT DAS EDITOR - MEENA KAUSHAL EDITOR - KUMAR ADITYA DI COLORIST - SHANTANU JOSHI  
ANIMATION - RUCHI NAVAL CASTING DIRECTOR - PANKAJ HEMLANI MAKEUP - AZARA KHAN  
COSTUME DESIGN - MEENAKSHI SHARMA FIRST ASST.DIRECTOR - PANKAJ HEMLANI  
PRODUCTION MANAGER - GAURAV SHARMA, SIDDHARTH HEMLANI  
PROPERTY MANAGER - PRINCE MOOLCHANDANI DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY - SHANTANU JOSHI



A FILM BY CHARI KRAUSE

## OFFICIAL FILMS

WITH LOVE L.



Directed by: Max Fritzsching, Chari Krause

Country: Germany

Synopsis: Jane's life in a big city is monotonous and every day feels the same. One day she finds a mysterious note on her doorstep that takes her out of the dreariness of her daily grind and aducts her on an emotional adventure that turns out differently than expected.



"RARELY HAS THERE BEEN A FILM THAT HAS SO MUCH TO SAY  
WITHOUT USING ANY WORDS AT ALL"

ANDRÉ DETROIT - FILM & FUN

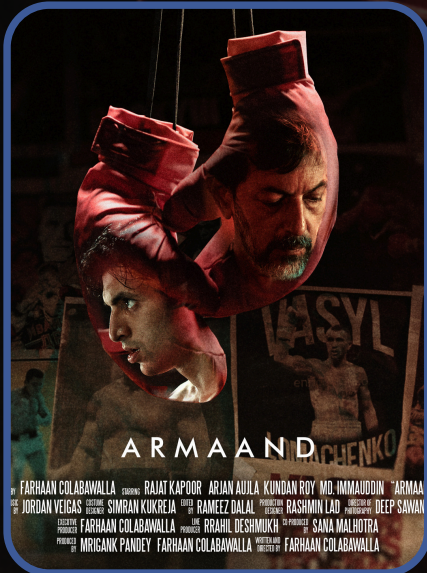


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MUSIC BY THOMAS FRITZSCHING DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY FREDERIK BAUWERT  
DIRECTED BY MAX FRITZSCHING AND CHARI KRAUSE

# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## ARMAAND



Directed by: Farhaan Colabawalla

Country: India

Synopsis: Armand has a life altering decision to make. Each outcome will result in him losing something very dear to him.



Director's: Farhaan was born in Bombay, India and began working on his love for cinema when he was only 10 years old. Today Farhaan has a BFA degree in Directing and is going on to pursue his dream of breaking the structural norms of Indian Cinema and providing viewers with a more creative and unique way of storytelling.



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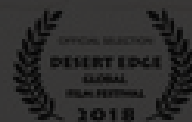
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# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

A Film by ADEEB RAIS  
**AUNTY JI**



Directed by: Adeeb Rais

Country: India

Synopsis: Parveen is a lonely Parsi widow while Geetika is an acid attack survivor, they both belong to entirely different worlds, but destiny brings them together to make them realise that they share a lot more than what meets the eye.

## Adeeb Rais



Director's Bio: Adeeb Rais is a Mumbai based Film-maker. He has made a Feature film 'Main aur Mr. right' starring Barun Sobti and Shehnaz Treasurywala. He has also made a short film 'Lovey-Dovey' starring Nidhi Singh and Rajeshwar which was screened at Jio Film fare awards and 'Aunty Ji' starring National Award winning actress Shabana Azmi and Anmol Rodriguez.



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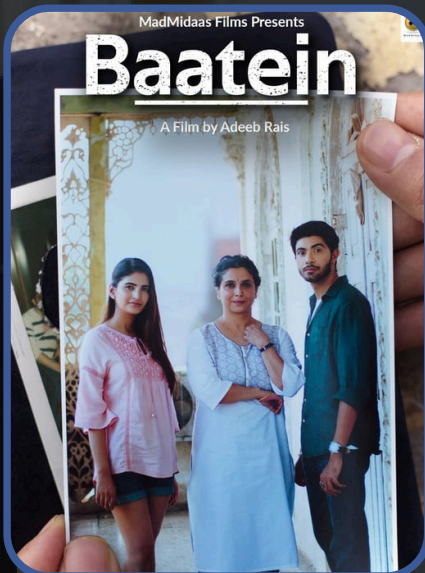
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# Baatein

## FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

### BAAATEIN



Directed by: Adeeb Rais

Country: India

Synopsis: Set in a quaint town in Maharashtra - Palghar. We follow Jeet, a young documentary filmmaker as he spends the day with Mrs. Deshpande & Tulika, her young niece.

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# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## D.A.T.E



Directed by: Sai Deodhar Anand

Country: India

Synopsis: An older lady's first job interview and what happens thereafter.

### Sai Deodhar Anand



Director's Bio: Im an Indian television and film actor/director/producer

I appeared in my first role as a child artist in a hindi serial Kacchi Dhoop dir by Amole Palekar. Prahaar (hindi feature film) Dir by Nana Patekar Choodiya (hindi Tele film) dir Sai Paranjape (film received a National Award)

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## D.A.T.E.

Written and Directed By  
Sai Deodhar Anand

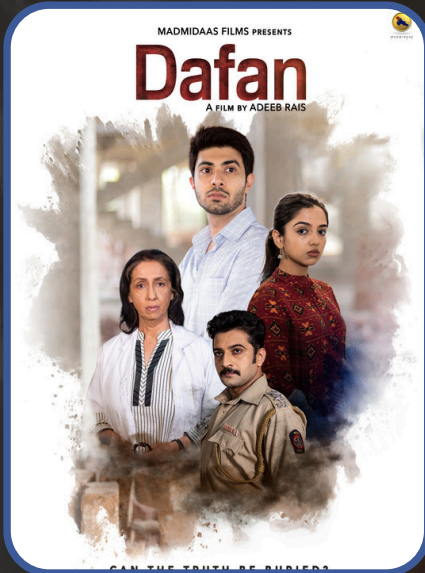


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# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## DAFAN



Directed by: Adeeb Rais

Country: India

Synopsis: Will you stand up for the truth at the cost of your own life?

Vishal, a young assistant civil engineer from Mumbai is thrown into a challenging situation by his boss.

He has to cover up for a horrific accident of laborer that has taken place at their construction site.

### Adeeb Rais



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STARRING - NEENA KULKARNI, AHSAAS CHANNA, ADEEB RAIS, AKSHAR KOTHARI



# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## FITRAT



Directed by: Taher Ali Baig

Country: India

Synopsis: Fitrat is a story about humans, their behavior and nature in today's world. We as people judge others by the scale of our own worst instinct. Good, evil and the nature of people around us is subjective to our own predispositions and prejudices. We are what we judge.

### Taher Ali Baig



Director's Bio: Taher Ali Baig is an Indian playwright who has marked his directorial debut in theatre in 2014. He has written, directed and produced various house-full plays at venues like Bangalore Club, Secunderabad Club, Hyderabad Golf Club, Lamakaan, Hyderabad.

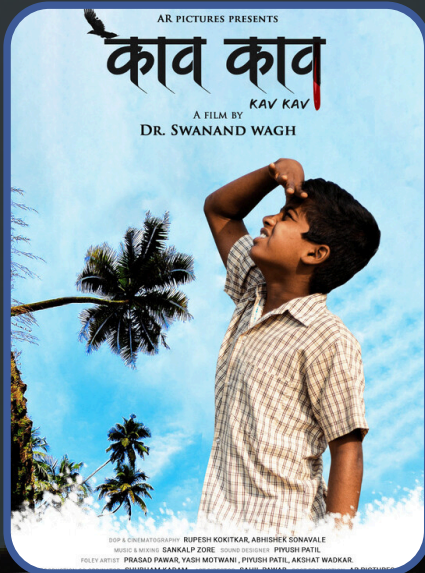


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# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

KAV KAV

DR. SWANAND WAGH



Directed by: Dr.Swanand Santram Wagh

Country: India

Synopsis: What if your mother becomes untouchable? A gripping tale of an innocent kid, who raises above the menstrual taboo in some parts of India.

**Dr.Swanand  
Santram Wagh**



Director's Bio: You know what the legend say?  
The best film school is your worst film!  
Dentist turned Filmmaker.  
Indian television Writer  
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CINEMATOGRAPHY RUPESH KOKITKAR, ABHISHEK SONAVALLE  
EDITING SANKALP ZORE  
MUSIC & MIXING SANKALP ZORE  
SOUND DESIGNER PIYUSH PATIL  
FOLEY ARTIST PRASAD PAWAR, YASH MOTWANI, PIYUSH PATIL, AKSHAT WADKAR.  
PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATOR SHUBHAM KADAM  
ART DIRECTOR SAHIL PAWAR  
POST PRODUCTION AR PICTURES  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ANIKET KALYANKASTURE, ASADUTT MORE  
SUBTITLES SHREYA SATHE  
CAST SAKSHAM, DIVYA PARTE, PRATIKSHA KAMBLE, VIRAJ JOSHI,  
ASADUTT MORE, DIGAMBAR PAVSE, ABHIJEET MANCHARE

# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## PAV BHAJI



Directed by: Geet Lalit Gangwani

Country: India

Synopsis: Pav Bhaji is an Indian fast food dish consisting of a spicy vegetable gravy (bhaji) served with soft bread buns (pav). The film revolves around a day in Jyogesh's life; a newly married, over-smart, Gujarati stockbroker whose motto in life is that if one isn't fooling others, they are the ones being fooled.

### Geet Lalit Gangwani



Director's Bio: Geet Gangwani, a writer, filmmaker, and advertising buff, is the founder and creative director of PNG Films, a production house based in Mumbai. He graduated with an advertising major, which led him to work in the field of copywriting.



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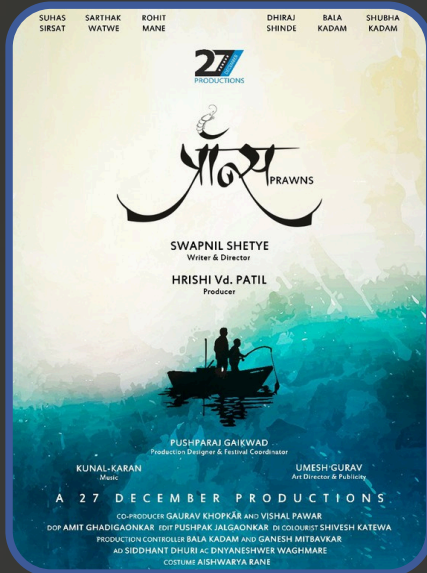
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# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## PRAWNS



Directed by: Swapnil Shetye

Country: India

Synopsis: Will you stand up for the truth at the cost of your own life?

Vishal, a young assistant civil engineer from Mumbai is thrown into a challenging situation

by his boss.

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PUSHPARAJ GAIKWAD  
Production Designer & Festival Coordinator

KUNAL-KARAN  
Music

UMESH GURAV  
Art Director & Publicity



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CO-PRODUCER GAURAV KHOPKAR AND VISHAL PAWAR

DOP AMIT GHADIGAONKAR EDIT PUSHPAK JALGAONKAR DI COLOURIST SHIVESH KATEWA

PRODUCTION CONTROLLER BALAJI KADAM AND GANESH MITBAVKAR

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COSTUME AISHWARYA RANE

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Film Challenge  
2020

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Quarantine Film  
Festival  
2020

## SMOKED CHICKEN GRAVY



Directed by: Maaz Kazmi

Country: India

Synopsis: Smoked Chicken Gravy makes an attempt to highlight the unheard voices trapped under severe intimidation of their abusers. Since lockdown, cases of domestic violence rose exponentially and the film shows one such voice desperately trying to be heard.

a maaz kazmi film

**Maaz Kazmi**



Director's Bio: I am Maaz Kazmi, a film maker and a media professional with an academic background specializing in media studies. I am presently a writer-director-creative producer in the Television and Digital media space and have produced several shows and digital films in the past eight years of working in the industry.



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# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

## SOULMATE



Directed by: Pawan Shharma

Country: India

Synopsis: Soulmate, tells the story of 'Aditi Roy or Ada' a beautiful young girl, who is in relationship with a married men Abhishek Malhotra. Though he never act on his urge.

### Pawan Shharma



Director's Bio: Pawan Shharma, has been a part of Bollywood industry since 2010. He has produced many TV Commercials, many of which are brands of international repute. Pawan always had a flair for writing, He has been always very obeservent and use to think of stories which were not of the usual kind.



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# SOULMATE

WRITTEN, PRODUCED & DIRECTED BY PAWAN SHHARMA

PRODUCED BY

MOHITA SRIVASTAVA, RAJESH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, CHANDAN SHARMA

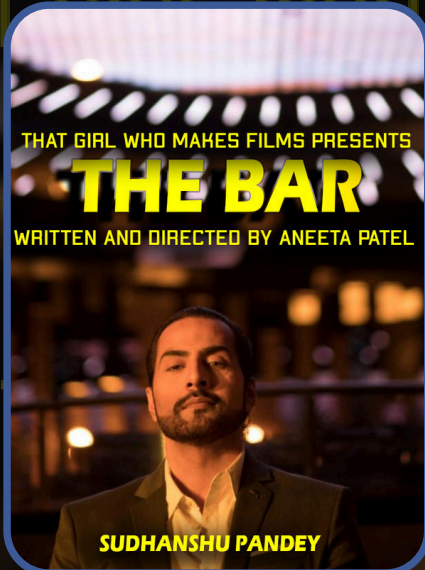
OF PALASH DAS EDITOR RAJESH PANDEY SOUND DESIGNER SHISHIR CHOUSALKAR  
BACKGROUNDMUSIC PROTIJYOTI CHOSH COSTUME DESIGN AASHISH DWYER FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KAMRAN ZAID EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AMARDEV  
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER RAVEE KODILUR ART DIRECTOR RAJESH KUMAR CASTING BY DINESH SUDERSHAN SOI PARADISO CASTING HUB



# FESTIVAL'S CHOICE FILM

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## THE BAR



Directed by: ANEETA PATEL

Country: India

Synopsis: Kabir is a suave, sophisticated, successful single man of today who lives in the fast lane. It's about a few nights of his life and the turns and twists it takes at a bar as he charms beautiful women. Life unfolds and leaves him with a startling reality check.

### ANEETA PATEL



Director's Bio: Aneeta Patel is an Independent Film Maker. She started her creative journey modeling and that led to doing a few Telugu Films as an actress namely Girlfriend (2002) , Ottesi Cheputhunna (2003), Indiramma (2003) Abbayi Premalo Paddadu (2004), Missing (2006) .



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# SUDHANSHU PANDEY

# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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**Day 1 (May 18, 2024)**

Time: 12:00 PM - 05:00 PM

**Day 2 (May 19, 2024)**

Time: 03:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Venue: Creative Adda 191, Aram Nagar 2,  
Versova, Andheri West, Mumbai.

**12:00 PM - Opening Ceremony**

**12:30 - 02:35 - Screening 1**

**02:35 - 02:40 - Q/A with Filmmakers**

**02:40 - 02:50 - Break**

**02:50PM - 04:20PM - Screening 2**

**04: 20 - 04:30 Q/A with Filmmakers**

**4:30 - 5:00 - One to One talk with Director  
Pawan Shharma (SoulMate)**



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Time: 12:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Venue: Creative Adda 191, Aram Nagar 2,  
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**04:20PM - 04:52PM- Screening 3**

**02:35 PM- 02:40PM - Q/A with Filmmakers**

**02:40PM - 02:50PM - Break**

**02:50PM - 04:00PM - Screening 2**

**04: 00PM - 04:10PM Discussion with Cast  
and Crew of The Relapse**

**4:10 PM- 4:20PM - Break**

**04:20PM- 04:52PM- Screening 3**

**04:52PM - 05:00PM - Q/A with Filmmakers**



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# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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**Day 2 (May 19, 2024)**

Time: 03:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Venue: Creative Adda 191, Aram Nagar 2,  
Versova, Andheri West, Mumbai.

**03:00 PM - 05:00PM - Screening -4**

**05:00 PM- 05:10 PM- Q/A with Filmmakers**

**05:10PM - 05:15PM - Break**

**05:15 PM - 07:50 PM - Screening -5**

**07:50 PM - 08:00 PM - Break**

**8:10 PM - 9:00 PM - Closing Ceremony  
followed by Award Distribution**



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# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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## Screening - 1

- **CHIRBHOG**
- **CATHARSIS**
- **Dojo**
- **Dwija**
- **Prawns**
- **Relapse**
- **A guerra finita**
- **Sleeping Jade**
- **The Cat Burglar**
- **THE HOST**
- **Twinkle**

**#Followed by Q/A with Filmmakers**



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# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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## Screening - 2

- **Aunty Ji**
- **Mind Your Limits (Aukaat Mein Reh)**
- **The Relapse**

**#Discussion with Cast and Crew of The Relapse**

## Screening - 3

- **Aunt Valeria**
- **Mind Your Limits (Aukaat Mein Reh)**
- **Smoked Chicken Gravy**
- **The Merchant Of Vinashna**
- **The Moment you need Action**

**#Followed by Q/A with Filmmakers**



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# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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## Screening - 4

- Screening 4
- Vakra Prem
- Armaand
- Pav Bhaji
- Kav Kav
- Madhubala - Short Film

**#Followed by Q/A with Filmmakers**



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# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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## Screening - 5

- Baatein
- Dafan
- Fitrat
- THE BAR
- Supertramp
- D.A.T.E
- Beneath the surface
- SOULMATE
- Enter the Room
- Hide and Seek
- L'ombre au tableau
- Mia San Mia 2023
- ROOTS
- The Heir
- The Road to Home
- With Love L.
- STIGMA

**#Followed by Q/A with Filmmakers**



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# THE JURY

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Farhaan  
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# GUEST

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**Kashyap Harsha  
Shangari**



**Aneeta Patel**



**Sudhanshu  
Pandey**



**Farhaan  
Colabawalla**



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The image features a vibrant watercolor background with a circular frame. The frame is composed of two concentric blue lines. Inside the frame, the words "Thank You" are written in a blue, cursive script. The background is a mix of light blue, green, and yellow watercolor washes, with numerous small, colorful dots scattered throughout. The overall effect is a soft, artistic, and celebratory design.

Thank  
You

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