Indian Film Festival-Los Angeles

6th Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles 2008
(22nd to 27th April)

The Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles (IFFLA) is a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting a greater appreciation of Indian cinema by showcasing films about India and the diverse perspectives of the Indian Diaspora. The festival will run from April 22-27, 2008 at ArcLight Hollywood, a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Los Angeles. Jury and Audience Choice Prizes will be awarded for Best Feature, Documentary and Short film.

Galas

Opening Film: AMAL directed by Richie Mehta

Closing Film: MUMBAI CUTTING...A CITY UNFOLDS directed by Sudhir Mishra, Anurag Kashyap, Rahul Dholakia, Ruchi Narain, Kundan Shah, Revathy, Shashank Ghosh, Jahnu Barua, Manish Jha, Rituparno Ghosh

The reception party for the Opening Night Gala is at the Cabana Club located at 1439, Ivar Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028, walking distance from ArcLight Hollywood. The Grand Finale party of the Closing Night Gala is at the ML Hollywood located at 6757 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028. Shuttle will be provided. Both Gala venues are 21+ locations.

Madhuri Dixit Tribute

The Madhuri Dixit Tribute is on Friday, April 25 at 7:30pm.

It includes a moderated discussion with Tribute Honoree Madhuri Dixit (about 40 minutes) followed by the screening of THE DEATH SENTENCE (Mrityudand). The second film of the Tribute is MY HEART IS CRAZY (Dil To Pagal Hai) on Saturday, April 26 at noon. This is a regular screening.

Tuesday, April 22, 7:30pm
OPENING FILM: AMAL
Canada/2007/101min/35mm/LA Premiere  
Director: Richie Mehta  
Cast: Rupinder Nagra, Koel Purie, Naseeruddin Shah, Roshan Seth, Seema Biswas

An unassuming autorickshaw driver makes an indelible impact on a wealthy eccentric.  

This charming fable examines the true nature of happiness in a society obsessed with speed, technology and monetary wealth.  

Richie Mehta is an award winning feature directorial debutant. Based on the 2005 IFFLA Grand Jury Prize winning short film AMAL and adapted from a short story by Shaun Mehta.

**Wednesday, April 23, 7:15pm**  
**BEFORE THE RAINS**

USA-India/2007/98min/35mm/LA Premiere  
Director: Santosh Sivan  
Cast: Linus Roache, Rahul Bose, Nandita Das, Jennifer Ehle  
A taboo love affair has dire consequences for four characters during the final days of the British Raj.

**Wednesday, April 23, 7:30pm**  
**A HOME IN THE SKY**

India/2007/104min/35mm/US Premiere  
Director: Bipin Nadkarni  
An 11-year-old boy has trouble coping with the changes that follow his parents divorce.

**Wednesday, April 23, 9:30pm**  
**FOUR WOMEN (Naalu Pennungal)**

India/2007/105min/35mm/LA Premiere  
Director: Adoor Gopalakrishnan  
Cast: Nandita Das, Padna Priya, Geethu Mohan Das, Manju Pillai  
Four stories about women in Kerala straining against the roles society has placed upon them.

**Thursday, April 24, 7:15pm**  
**KISSING COUSINS**

USA/2007/98min/Digibeta/LA Premiere  
Director: Amyn Kaderali  
Cast: Samrat Chakrabarti, Rebecca Hazlewood  
A bachelor enlists the help of his attractive cousin to fool his friends into believing he's capable of a relationship.

**Thursday, April 24, 9:30pm**  
**THE POOL**

USA/2007/95min/Digibeta/LA Premiere  
Director: Chris Smith  
A young hotel attendant obsessed with a swimming pool of an empty house finds his life turned upside down when he attempts to meet the mysterious owners.

**Friday, April 25, 7:15pm**  
**FROZEN**
India/2007/110min/35mm/LA Premiere
Director: Shivajee Chandrabhusan
Lasya and her family's calm village life in the remote Himalayas is unsettled by mounting debts and the arrival of an army unit setting up camp just yards from their doorstep.

Saturday, April 26, 4:00pm
THE SEA WITHIN (Ore Kadal)

India/2007/110min/35mm/US Premiere
Director: Shyamaprasad
Cast: Mammootty, Meera Jasmine, Narien, Remya Krishna
A renowned Economist casually enters into an extra-marital affair with a housewife but soon finds the relationship become increasingly complex.

Saturday, April 26, 7:00pm
LOINS OF PUNJAB PRESENTS

India/2007/88min/35mm/LA Premiere
Director: Manish Acharya
Cast: Shabana Azmi, Ajay Naidu, Ayesha Dharker, Darshan Jariwala
A motley cast of characters descend on a New Jersey hotel to compete in an Indian singing competition.

Sunday, April 27, 3:00pm

STARS ON EARTH (Taare Zameen Par)

India/2007/165min/35mm
Director: Aamir Khan
Due to his parents ignorance and inability to understand his frustration, a talented, dyslexic young boy is shattered after being sent off to boarding school where he encounters a special friend who helps him rebuild his broken home.

Sunday, April 27, 6:30pm

CLOSING NIGHT GALA: MUMBAI CUTTING A CITY UNFOLDS

India/2008/130min/35mm/World Premiere
Cast: Soha Ali Khan, Jimmy Shergil, Neetu Chandra, Ranvir Shorey, Raima Sen
An anthology of short films by ten of India's finest directors about Mumbai, one of the most vibrantly complex cities in the world.

"Shadowplayindia.com congratulates IFFLA for bringing together India through its films to the world, and wishes a huge success for the 2008 Festival."
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