Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles Announces Opening, Closing Films

Nagesh Kukunoor’s ‘Dhanak’ with a cameo from Shah Rukh Khan closes the festival.

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- Shlok Sharma’s ‘Haraamkhor’ will kick off the festival April 8.

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Shlok Sharma’s *Haraamkhor* has been selected to screen at the opening night film at the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles, which runs from April 8-12 at the Arclight Cinemas in Hollywood.

A world premiere, Sharma’s feature debut was produced by Anurag Kashyap (*Gangs of Wasseypur*) and Guneet Monga (*The Lunchbox*) and stars Nawazuddin Siddiqui as a teacher having an illicit affair with one of his students.

The U.S. premiere of Nagesh Kukunoor’s *Dhanak (Rainbow)*, which follows a brother and sister on a journey across Rajasthan in an attempt to meet the Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, will close the festival.

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“We're thrilled to kick off our thirteenth edition with the world premiere of *Haraamkor*. Shlok's film resonates to something we all can understand — the beautiful complications of youth. It invigorates us to have a filmmaker return to IFFLA, and especially so when their first feature is as powerful as this,” IFFLA artistic
director **Jasmine Jaisinghani** said.

Nirvana-Bombay Palace will host the opening and closing night gala receptions in Beverly Hills.