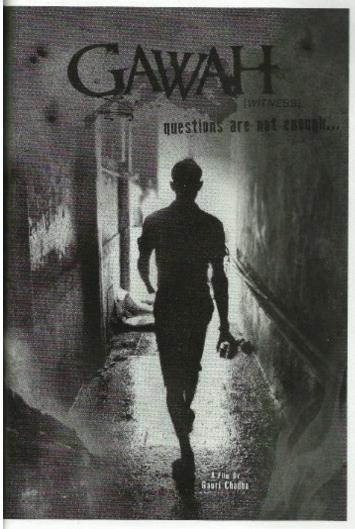
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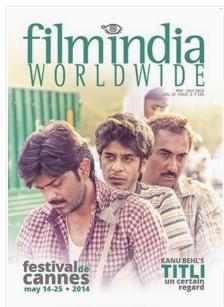
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Will you or your film be at the 66th Cannes International Festival?

WHERE FILMFOLK MEET, GREET & SEEK

The Cannes edition of Film India Worldwide is now getting ready. This s will provide an overview of the spread of Indian presence in Cannes, prov names and contacts of those who will make the most of Cannes during its days.

The most important news would be films from India, or connected with I have been selected in any of the official main sections -Competition (feat shorts), Un Certain Regard, Camera d'Or Critics Week, and Director's Fc

In addition, we would be interested in featuring Indian films or films that with India that have been selected in the Short Film Corner, and Cine For

A major section is devoted to India at the Cannes Film Market. Film India Worldwide lists the Indian participants at the Cannes Film Ma their coordinates as well their areas of special interest and negotiation wh in Cannes. We request Market Delegates from India to please contact us y information.

Indian films being screened in the Market can be listed as well.

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Friday, March 1, 2013

IFFLA Announces Opening and Closing Films



THE 11th ANNUAL INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCES OF **CLOSING NIGHT GALA FILMS**

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as the Opening Night Gala film.

The festival will close with Deepa Mehta's MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN.

LOS ANGELES, CA (February 28, 2013) - Today, the Indian Film Festival of Los Angel announced its opening and closing night red-carpet galas. Anurag Kashyap's GANGS (WASSEYPUR will open the festival, while Deepa Mehta's MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN wil closing night film. The full line-up of screenings and events will be announced by mid M festival is widely recognized as the premiere showcase of groundbreaking Indian cinem

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Celebrating its 11th year, IFFLA will run April 9 to 14 at ArcLight Hollywood in Los Ange festival's home since its inception.

Epic in scope, GANGS OF WASSEYPUR is a mafia revenge saga chronicling the viole decade long turf war between two mob families. Set in the tumultuous times of India's II and industrialization, GANGS is a powerful and gritty portrayal of an era past. Part I will opening night film, while Part II will screen the following evening. GANGS made its worl the 2012 Cannes' Directors Fortnight, to rave reviews. Director Anurag Kashyap first ca in 2005 with his film BLACK FRIDAY.

"I am happy to be back where I started my journey, before my films got released, before anywhere they came to IFFLA," said Kashyap. "I have been missing IFFLA for many ye year, no way in hell am I going to miss it. "

Oscar©-nominated director Deepa Mehta brings her latest masterpiece, MIDNIGHT'S (IFFLA, taking audiences on a poetic and visual journey scaling time and space. At the s midnight on August 15,1947, as India proclaims Independence from Great Britain, two i babies are switched at birth. Saleem Sinai, the illegitimate son of poverty, and Shiva, th upper echelon, are fated to live their intertwined destinies. With a star studded cast and cinematography, Mehta casts a spell of wonder, magic and delight. Narration is by Saln author of the epic and beloved Booker Prize winning classic novel. Deepa Mehta return after her Oscar©-nominated film WATER had its Los Angeles premiere at the festival in

"We're delighted to welcome back two beloved filmmakers of IFFLA," said Christina Ma Founder and Chair of the Board. "We believed in Anurag's talent from the very beginnir thrilled to have him back as a worldwide acclaimed filmmaker. And we once again look sharing Deepa's new and always thought-provoking work with our Los Angeles audienc

Both films have played at top-tier festivals worldwide, garnering critical acclaim, and bo their Los Angeles premieres at IFFLA. GANGS director Anurag Kashyap and producer Monga, as well as Deepa Mehta of MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN will be in attendance.

Tickets and Passes

The 11th Annual Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles (IFFLA) runs April 9-14 at ArcLighl located at 6360 W. Sunset Blvd between Vine and Ivar. Festival Passes and Gala tickel March 1 at the festival's website. Individual screening tickets go on sale March 22. For information please visit www.indianfilmfestival.org or follow us on Twitter (@iffla).

About IFFLA

Now in its 11th year, the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles (IFFLA) is a nonprofit orga devoted to a greater appreciation of Indian cinema and culture by showcasing films, ho entertainment industry business executives, and promoting the diverse perspectives of diaspora.

The six-day festival is the premiere platform for the latest in cutting edge global Indian (bridges the gap between the two largest entertainment industries in the world – Hollywo The festival will showcase more than 35 films from the Indian filmmaking community ac globe, host the highly anticipated opening and closing red carpet galas, and the closing ceremony. This year will again bring back the wildly popular "Bollywood by Night"series seminars as well as live music and dance performances. IFFLA will also host the 6th ar Leadership Awards, honoring entertainment industry executives who have demonstrate extraordinary leadership within and in relation to the Indian entertainment industry.

For more information: http://www.indianfilmfestival.org.

About ArcLight Cinemas

ArcLight Cinemas, created by Pacific Theatres, represents an evolution in the movie gc experience. ArcLight Cinemas, with locations in Hollywood, Sherman Oaks, Pasadena, Segundo, offers an unprecedented combination of technology, amenities, comfort, and service. Facilities include the historic Cinerama Dome (only at the Hollywood location) a the-art "black box" auditoriums as well as a cafe bar and a cinema-focused gift shop. Ti purchased online without a fee and printed at home and at the theaters' automated tick For more information about ArcLight visit http://www.arclightcinemas.com/.

OPENING NIGHT GALA

GANGS OF WASSEYPUR I Los Angeles Premiere India/2012/159 minutes Director: Anurag Kashyap Writers: Zeeshan Qadri, Sachin Ladia, Akhilesh Jaiswal, Anurag Kashyap Producers: Viacom 18 Motion Pictures, Anurag Kashyap, Guneet Monga, Sunil Bohra Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Richa Chaddha, Reema Sen, Tigmanshu Dhulia, Nawazuddin S

Logline: Vengeance is Inherited Hindi with English Subtitles

CLOSING NIGHT GALA

MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN Los Angeles Premiere Canada/United Kingdom/2012/148 minutes Director: Deepa Mehta Writer: Salman Rushdie

Executive Producers: Deepa Mehta, Dilip Mehta, Salman Rushdie, Doug Mankoff, Andi Steven Silver, Neil Tabatznik, Elizabeth Karlsen, David Hamilton, Stephen Woolley Producer: David Hamilton Cast: Satya Bhabha, Shahana Goswami, Rajat Kapoor, Seema Biswas, Shriya Saran, Siddharth, Ronit Roy, Rahul Bose, Anita Majumdar, Zaib Shaikh, Anupam Kher

Logline: Born in the hour of India's freedom. Handcuffed to history. English and Urdu with English subtitles

Stills for both films available upon request.

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Jadoo (Magic) Amit Gupta United Kingdom

Jadoo, a British film set in Leicester, has a world premiere private screening at 2013 Berlinale. Amit Gupta has written/directed the film (his debut film Resistance garnered him the Writers Guild's Best First Film Award nomination). Jadoo tells the story of two brothers, Raja and Jagi, both wonderful chefs, who fall out and tear the fabled family recipe book in half. One brother gets the starters and the other gets the main courses. Setting up rival restaurants on opposite sides of the road, they spend the next ten years trying to outdo each other. Each one can cook only half of the perfect Indian meal, which drives them mad. The daughter of one of the bothers, a successful London lawyer, is getting married. She goes to Leicester to try and reconcile her father and uncle



so that they are one family again, and besides, their combined talent can come together to serve the p feast at her wedding, food here a metaphor for family. The DOP is Roger Pratt (Inkheart, The Karate music score is by Stephen Warbeck (Shakespeare in Love, Billy Elliot). The film stars Amara Karan Darjeeling Limited), Harish Patel (Run Fatboy Run), Kulvinder Ghir (Bend It Like Beckham), anc (One Day, Parades End), with celebrity chef/actress, Madhur Jaffrey. Jadoo is produced by Richard Faber (Resistance) Isabelle Georgeaux (Resistance) and Nikki Parrott (The Market: a Tale of Trade

Sandcastle Shomshuklla

Well-known theatre personality, writer and poet, Shomshuklla, is ready with her first feature film, Sandcastle. The 82-minute film is in Hinglish (a mix of Hindi and English). It follows Sheila, a home-maker, an aspiring writer and a loving mother. From an outsider's perspective, she appears to have an enviable life: a successful husband in the corporate world, a lovely home, a place in elite upper middle-class society, an adorable daughter and a supportive family by her side. Her brother keeps urging her to be less docile and stand up for herself. She evolves as a writer encouraged by her publisher Kaushik. It is only then that she discovers that her married life has flaws. She develops an alter personality, one she would like to be as against the one she



is. She seeks to rebuild her life, in the way sand castles are created on a beach. "The women of today a the women of the 60s and even the 90s. My film shows them in a new light - the women of changing Ir credits: direction, story, script, production and art design, Shomshuklla. Cinematography, Ritam Baner, music, Ankur Mukherjee. Editing, Shashi Kumar. The cast includes Shahana Chatterjee, Malvika Jethwa and Uditvanu Das. The film is produced by Bhaskar Das. Shomshuklla, raised in Kolkata, started her ca pop singer and cut nine albums, followed by a stint as a columnist with Asian Age and the online, kolk; She has published poems, both in Bengali and English. She staged nine plays, one of which travelled t Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She now lives in Mumbai with her husband and son. Among her other inter and the reflective verses of Rumi.

Alex Hindustani Raja Bundela India This Hindi film takes the unusual stance of seeing two sides of the enemy. The film's byline is The Englishman who rebelled against the British Empire'. The year is 1925. James Anderson is posted in Central India as the political agent to His Majesty's government. When his ailing wife dies in England, his only child, Alex Anderson, comes to India. Pyarelal Suman, personal assistant to Anderson, is entrusted with the task of introducing Alex to his alien surrounds and also keep him safe from insurgents. On one such foray, Alex meets the daughter of a prominent freedom fighter and develops a liking for her. This causes dissension among the locals and Alex is kidnapped. On his release, Alex makes it clear which side he is on. Alex Anderson becomes the India patriot, Alex Hindustani. Produced by Omkam Films, the film's DOP is Rajesh Joshi. Its music is by Uttam Singh. The distinguished cast includes Tom Alter, Om Puri, Kulbhushan Kharbanda, Yashpal Sharma and Sushmita Mukkherjee. Making his acting debut in the lead role is young James Alter, the son of the accomplished Tom Alter.

One Track Heart: The Story of Krishna Das Jeremy Frindel

USA

Showcasing in the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's Cinesonic section, this film tells the story of Jeffrey Kagel, who in 1970, gave up all he had in suburban Long Island and travelled to the foothills of the Himalayas, where he studied under Neem Karoli Baba. He later emerged as Krishna Das, the world-renowned chant master and spiritual leader, helping to bring what he had learned to the West. The film follows his journey to India and back, witnessing his struggles with depression and drug abuse, to his eventual emergence as Krishna Das. Brooklyn-based Jeremy Frindel earned a BA in Film Scoring from the Berklee College of Music in 2001. He has worked as an editor and sound editor on films such as Junebug, Some Kind of Monster, and



Bernard & Doris. One Track Heart: The Story Of Krishna Das is his first feature film. With a music score Devadas, this is the inspiring story of how one man's man's heart-expanding journey continues to tran lives.

Blood Brother - Documentary Steve Hoover

India, USA

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize as well as the Audience Award in the documentary section of the 2013 Sundance Film Festival, this 92-minute documentary is directed and edited by Steve Hoover and co-written by him alongside Phinehas Hodges and Tyson VanSkiver. It follows Rocky Braat who went to India as a disillusioned American tourist. When he met a group of children with HIV/AIDS, he decided to stay on in India. He never could have imagined the obstacles he would face. Or the love he would find. Rocky Braat plays himself and Steve Hoover is the narrator. John Pope is the



cinematographer. The original music is by Danny Bracken, A J Hochhalter, Keith Kenniff, Joseph Minade The sound effects editor is Ken McGill. The film is produced by Danny Yourd.

Bibek

Purab Kohli India, Nepal

This 38-minute short film shot in Nepal is the tale of a feisty street-kid, Bibek, living in Kathmandu, who scams all and sundry to survive and pay for his addiction to cheap inhalants and local alcohol. After conning a few tourists of their money, he works as a ticket taker on a night bus to return to his hometown, Pokhara. Once there, he sees some Buddhist monks accepting alms. Realizing that they have money, he senses a target. He gets the bright idea to start renting a bicycle by the hour to a novice monk. During their cycling sessions, Bibek begins to confront his own identity as a khatay (a



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Outlawed in Pakistan

Habiba Nosheen and Hilke Schellmann Pakistan. USA

From the sub-continent, this film (2012, HD Cam, 39 mins) screens at the Short Film program of the 2013 Sundance Film Festival. It is also one among the eight films selected for support from JustFilms, the Ford Foundation's social justice film fund launched in 2011. JustFilms is providing major support to eight independent films selected for competition that will premiere at Sundance this year. Outlawed in Pakistan revolves around a 17-year old Pakistani girl, Kainat Soomro, who is fighting a case against four men from her village who allegedly gang-raped her. She has to face a deeply flawed criminal-



justice system in Pakistan. Spanning over five years, the story is told through the perspective of Kainat men accused of her rape. Habiba Nosheen and Hilke Schellmann have also handled the camera, soun production. The editing is by Hemal Trivedi. Habiba Nosheen is a New York-based multimedia journali: Schellmann is a video journalist for The Wall Street Journal.

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Tuesday, February 26, 2013

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One Raised to the Power of Five

Rajiv B Menon

Mumbai-based Rajiv B Menon's debut work presents five different short films that merge together to convey the progressive stages of a woman's life. The first episode is on the loss of innocence. It then moves into the concept of love and lust. The third episode explores the complexity of relationships. The fourth dwells on the chicanery of social conditioning. The last episode ends with a search for perfect love. The visual style of each segment is different and pertinent to what each one seeks to convey. Juxtaposing five genres in 88 minutes, each episode stands by itself, but taken sequentially, they trace life's



journey from the forest to the concrete jungle. Director Menon has written, directed and produced the cinematography is by Jai Singh and Gautami Vegiraju. Ved Nair scores the music and serves also as the The cast comprises V R Laxmi, Mann S Sirohi, Gayatri Patel, Shahwar Ali, Kiren Jogi, Rashaana Shah, Hii Shrivas Nydu and Ankur Phani. Director Rajiv B Menon has worked extensively on the creative and prc filmmaking. He was the project co-ordinater and narration script on the documentary, **Riding Solo t the World** (2005), and creative producer on **One Crazy Ride** (2008), both directed by Gaurav A Jani. as associate director on Shivam Nair's feature film, **Ahista Ahista** (2006). He makes his debut as dire **Raised to the Power of Five**.

500 & 5

Raghu Jeganathan

Raghu Jeganathan's impressive first film premiered at the 2012 International Film Festival of Kerala. Based on his own script, 500 & 5, in the Tamil language, it presents an ensemble of five short stories. They are linked with a common running motif - a 500 rupee note that travels through five different characters. Adiyaalukku Podiyaal (The Goon's Stooge), follows a superstitious lackey who wants to become a gang leader. Mr Adi is on a top-rated film director Adi,



desperate to win back his wife but the silence between them is too large to fill despite their own feelin Sollunga (Number Please), is on Sundari, a straight-talking young woman who works in a phone rechai what she wants is to safeguard the souvenir her lover gave her. Jenny's Shadow is on a girl whose tigh between psychedelic reality and nightmarish fantasy lands her in a self-destructive vortex. Agni Kunjoi found a spark of fire), is on a nameless, avant-garde revolutionary who ignites a moneyless rebellion to capitalistic juggernaut. With cinematography by Mohandass Radhakrishnan, the film's music is by Siva cast comprises Deepak Sundarajan, Sivashankar Srinivasan, Living Smile Vidya, Chinnu Kuruvilla and T Srinivasan. Raghu Jeganathan writes, directs and creates stories for the screen because of his cathartic an indifferent world. His shorts and documentaries have screened at various film festivals (Los Angele Germany and India). His earlier script, Aravan, was among the top ten finalists at the 2010 Indian Film Angeles Film Fund development grant program.

Chayilyam (Hues of Red) Manoj Kana

Manoj Kana's debut feature took almost five years to raise money through crowd funding elicited from

contributions. The film has no producer. The completed film has been received so enthusiastically tha

to a clutch of India's international film festivals held towards the end of 2012 (Kerala, Chennai, Kochi, Bengaluru and Delhi). Set in North Malabar, Kerala, the film draws from the orgasmic energy of Theyyam, the dance ritual in which "gods/goddesses and the valiant dead come to life" in vibrant forms. It follows a female Theyyam artiste who finds herself sidelined owing to the prevalent unbending rigid tradition. The central character is Gouri, who attains the status of a Goddess. A widow recovering from her husband's death, Gouri is pulled in different directions by vested interests around her. The locals worship her as a deity while her father-in-law wants to give her a normal life. She is able to fend for herself by breaking away from her social obligations



and the rigid traditions that bind her. With cinematography by K G Jayan, the music is by Chandran Vey the cast comprises M R Gopakumar, Anumol K, Jijoy P R and Prevish. Director Manoj Kana is a veteran theatre artiste. He has directed and staged 15 stage plays and 30 street plays, among which **Piranha** (2005) won Kerala State awards.

Ekla Akash

(The Lone Sky) Sandipan Roy

Ekla Akash is a story of love, despair and infidelity. It deals with the troubled marriage of a young couple, Arijit and Nisha, whose being together seems to be doomed although they have a child. The reason in the main is Arijit's infidelity as he is having an affair with his colleague, Tanuka. Arijit also has doubts regarding Nisha's special relationship with her mentor S R, who is a



film director and wants to mould her into becoming a film star. Eventually he does make her a star, wi the situation further. Husband and wife both realize their mistakes and try to mend their marriage. Th accomplished director Goutam Ghose playing the role of Satyabrato Roy. Others featured in the film a Chatterjee as Arijit and Parno Mitra as Nisha, alongside Debleena Dutta, Rudranil Ghosh and Lolita Ch Shibashis Bandopadhyay has written the screenplay and dialogues. Its cinematography is by Manoj Ku music is scored by Jeet Ganguly and the editing is by Argha Kamal Mitra. The 138-minute film in Benga the Mangalam Group, and marketed and distributed by Shree Venkatesh Films Pvt Ltd. Director Sandij for a Bengali news channel. His driving ambition has been to make a film, which he has achieved with venture. He is now working on his second feature film.

All I Want Is Everything Shital Morjaria

To see women as close friends in a film and portraying them as having a good time, without a love angle, song or a villain, is a rare feature in Indian cinema, which is the intention in All I Want Is Everything. In the cosmopolitan city of Hyderabad, South India, three girls, Nidhi, Vaijanti and Trisha, join a film appreciation course. The film is based on their journey of friendship where the girls bond and find the strength through each other to deal with problems in



their individual lives. This 62-minute film in English is shot on HD in the DTS sound format. Written and Shital Morjaria, the film stars upcoming screenwriter/director Sampada Harkara, an alumnus of the Pi Film, (Singapore), singer and upcoming actor working with Google, Sagari Venkata, and a young rap sir Mitchell. Debut director Shital Morjaria works as the executive producer for the news channel TV9. He based on women's issues won the Goenka top journalism award. Producer Jhansi Laxmi is well-known Pradesh's broadcasting and movie industry. Co-producer Dr Rekha Pappu teaches at Mumbai's Tata In Sciences. This film has screened at the South Asian Film Festival, Goa (SAFF October, 2012), Third Eye Mumbai (December 2012) and Vibgyor Film Festival, Kerala (February 2013).

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Call for Entries - 13th New York Indian Film Festival (April 4,2013)



13th New York Indian Film Festival (April 30 – May 4, 2013) is calling for entries for features, short films features and short documentaries. Features should be of 40 minutes or longer duration and shorts sh minutes.

The entries are divided into two categories: Indian Diaspora Cinema and Indian Independent Cinema. invites films made by filmmakers of South Asian descent living outside the sub continent and films ma Asians featuring significant South Asian content, inspiration and subject matter. The latter calls for the independent filmmakers from India.

For the first time, the festival will present the Best Student Film Award and is calling for student films (less). There is no entry fee for these entries.

The last date for all submissions is February 15, 2013. For fees and more details, write to nyindianfilm

The week long annual festival is organised by the Indo-American Arts Council, a non-for-profit organization North America.

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