FEATURES

Brahmin Bulls
Director: Mahesh Pailoor
Cast: Sendhil Ramamurthy, Roshan Seth, Cassidy Freeman, Justin Bartha
India | 96 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A disillusioned architect and his distant father come together after many years, but when a woman from the past resurfaces, old wounds threaten to break their new found relationship.*

M Cream
Director: Agneya Singh and Aban Raza
Cast: Imaaduddin Shah, Ira Dubey, Auritra Ghosh, Raaghav Chanana
India | 114 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A diverse crew of university students set out on a journey in pursuit of a mythical form of hash, confronting a series of encounters that begin to unravel the myriad realities of rebellion.*

Liar's Dice
Director: Geethu Mohandas
Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Geetanjali Thapa, Manya Gupta
India | 104 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Kamala takes her daughter, Manya, on a journey, leaving their native land in search for her missing husband. Along this journey they encounter a free spirited army deserter with a selfish motive who helps them to get to their destination.*

Phoring
Director: Indranil Roychowdhury
Cast: Ritwick Chakraborty, Sohini Sarkar, Shankar Debnath, Akash Adhikary
India | 128 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Maladjusted and a born loser, Phoring fights the voices in his head he calls God. When a new teacher arrives in his school, she heightens his curiosity to things unknown. All of a sudden this teacher disappears, and Phoring decides to go looking for her.*

Fandry (Presented by Bookwallah Organization)
Director: Nagraj Manjule
Cast: Somnath Avghade, Kishor Kadam, Chhaya Kadam
India | 103 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A boy from a low caste, Jayba, falls in love with his classmate who belongs to a higher caste. While Jabya prefers to go to school and learn, he is constantly pressured to skip school to take on unwanted jobs with his family members. Fandry is a story of aspirations, quest, sorrows, anguish and frustrations.*

Kaphal – Wild Berries
Director: Batul Mukhtiar
Cast: Niraj Sah, Gurpal Singh, Ajay Rana, Anjali Negi
India | 90 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Makar and Kamru want to send an imposter posing to be their strict father back from where he came from with the help of a forest witch, but instead get taken for a merry ride by her granddaughter.*

Munnariyippu – The Deadline (Presented by Kriti Festival)
Director: Venu
Cast: Mammootty, Aparna Gopinath
India | 119 mins | 2014 | US Premiere
Synopsis: *Raghavan, convicted of a double homicide and sentenced to life imprisonment is leading a happy and tranquil life in jail not wanting to be free. He meets Anjali, an ambitious journalist who enjoys probing him about his past and the conflicts which arose out of desires.*

Monsoon Shootout (Presented by NetIP Chicago)
Director: Amit Kumar
Cast: Tannishtha Chatterjee, Nawazuddin Siddiqui
India | 88 mins | 2013
Synopsis: *As heavy monsoon rains lash the badlands of Mumbai, Adi, a rookie cop out on his first assignment, raises his gun in the face of a criminal and is faced with the most vital decision of his life: to shoot or not to shoot? Monsoon Shootout presents three different scenarios, each sending Adi on a spiraling journey downward that pits him against fate and a system mired in moral ambiguity.*

Present Continuous
Director: Aner Preminger
Cast: Hagit Dasberg, Eyal Nachmias, Matan Preminger, Tamar Preminger
Israel | 100 mins | 2012 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Israel is a society in crisis. One Friday afternoon, an Israeli mother, unable to deal with the stress and anxiety she suffers as a result of the continuous political situation decides to barricade her home to protect her family. Everyone wakes up to find the house locked, disconnected from the outside world.*

Ankhon Dekhi
Director: Rajat Kapoor
Cast: Sanjay Mishra, Rajat Kapoor, Seema Pahwa
India | 107 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Raje Bauji, a man in his late fifties, is living out a dreary but eventful life in a small house in old Delhi, where he lives with his extended family. After a random incident that changed his life in a dramatic way, Raje decides that he will only believe what he sees with his eyes, as he moves forward in life.*

Crossing Bridges
Director: Sange Dorjee
Cast: Anshu Jamsenpa, Phuntsu Khrime
India | 103 mins | 2013 | US Premiere
Synopsis: *Tashi, a man in his early thirties is forced to come back to his village in the remote northeast region of India after eight years. As he awaits for news of a new job in the city, he begins to rediscover his roots. This film is in Shertukpen and is a first of its kind. Shertukpen is a dialect spoken by the Shertukpen tribe that reside in Arunachal Pradesh.*

SHORTS

Blouse
Director: Vijayeta Kumar
Cast: Sumeet Vyas, Imran Rashid, Ronjini Chakraborty, Preeti Sharma
India | 20 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A young wife is forced to spend many nights apart from her husband because of his work. The night before he is to leave her again, she asks him to bring her a gift, a beautiful blouse made by a well known tailor but, the husband forgets her measurements.*

A Boy Called Boris
Director: Ashok Vish
Cast: Max Kolby, Brian Gildea, Jose Amor
Student Short | US | 9 mins | 2014 | World Premiere
Synopsis: *A boy suffering from a speech impediment goes to a new school, and when forced to introduce himself in front of his class, his stuttering becomes unbearable.*

Color of War
Director: Sai Pawar
Cast: Jon J. Peterson, Michael Gunn, Jazmine Ramay and Matt Pohlkamp
Student Short | US | 16 mins | 2014| Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *In the 1930's post depression era, Gerald, an owner of a run-down movie theater struggles with the fear of color as it brings back painful memories. But, the only means of saving his theater is to show a film in color.*

Mitraa (Presented by Trikone Chicago)
Director: Ravi Jadhav
Cast: Veena Jamkar, Sandeep Khare, Mrunmayee Deshpande
India | 33 mins | 2014 | U.S. Premiere
Synopsis: *A classic black and white short film about a woman who falls madly in love with a fellow actor, another woman.*

Int. Cafe - Night
Director: Adhiraj Bose
Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Shernaz Patel, Shweta Basu Prasad, Naveen Kasturia
India | 13 mins | 2014 | US Premiere
Synopsis: *A nostalgic film exploring two stories set inside a café in Kolkata, India.*

Mohammad
Director: Shahnawaz Zali and Syed Owais Ali
Cast: Syed Ammar Hyder, Saba Singh, Syed Areeb Ali
Student Short | Qatar | 10 mins | 2013 | World Premiere
Synopsis: *A young boy, Mohammad, pays the price for uttering words against the Holy Prophet Muhammad to an Islamic Extremist in Pakistan while trying to protect the honor of his late father.*

Tamaash-The Puppet
Director: Satyanshu Singh
Cast: Zahid Ahmed Mir
India | 32 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A beautifully captured Kashmiri film about three boys, a puppet and the power of the mind.*

Veil
Director: Sreemoyee Bhattacharya
Cast: Joey Debroy, Daminee Basu
India | 15 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A medical student fantasizes about his sexy neighbor. As he reaches through the covers for the obscure, he is on the verge of understanding that his expectations and reality are separated only by a thin veil.*

Odh-An Odyssey
Director: Naina Panemanglor
Cast: Devashish Boralkar, Priya Bagalkote
India | 23 mins | 2013 | US Premiere
Synopsis: *A young boy, Dinya, longs to see the sea as he recalls the coastal fables his mother told him before she died. As he leaves everything behind in his remote village in Inland India to find the sea, he finds himself with an unwanted companion, his sister Kamli.*

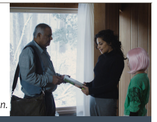
Jaya
Director: Puja Maewal
Cast: Aimida Shaikh, Anil Rathod, Jaihind Kumar
India | 19 mins | 2013
Synopsis: *Young Jaya survives gruesome gang life on the unforgiving streets of Mumbai by posing as a boy. When she meets a wealthy businessman who may be the father that abandoned her, she sets out to reclaim her identity.*

Rangzen – Freedom
Director: Gaurav Saxena
Cast: Tenzin Dayoe, Sonam Phuntsok, Payal Cahuhan
India | 11 mins | 2014 | US Premiere
Synopsis: *A Tibetan refugee boy growing up in a small hill town in India, the exiled home of The Dalai Lama, stumbles upon his exiled refugee identity when he's told there is an invisible letter written on his forehead.*

What Remains
Director: Sarita Khurana & Chitra Ganesh
Cast: Ananya Kumar-Banerjee, Sumitra Rajkumar
USA | 14 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A ghost story with a psychological twist, a woman returns to her childhood home only to discover her unsettling past and the little girl who lives within.*

It's About Time
Director: Snehal Patel
Cast: Omi Vaidya, Jeremy Sage
USA | 5 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Ever try to kick out a roommate when they haven't paid rent?*

Give Into the Night
Director: Sonejuhi Sinha
Cast: Sarita Choudhury, Alisha Nagarsheth, Vijay Bhargava
USA | 12 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A recent widower moves to the U.S. to live with his daughter and granddaughter. At the end of a long night, they begin to discover what it means to be a family again by coming to terms with shared grief and isolation.*



DOCUMENTARIES

Purple Skies (Presented by Trikone Chicago)
Director: Sridhar Rangayan
India | 66 mins | 2014 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *Victimized and subjugated by the law, their families, and society, this documentary shares touching stories of LBT (Lesbian, Bisexual Transexual) youngsters that have come out of the closet bravely.*

The Fading Valley
Director: Irit Gal
Israel| 54 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *The film describes the lives of the farmers in the Jordan Valley and their thirst for water, combining the beautiful views of the area with the human tragedy of its dwellers, the vanishing residents of the Jordan Valley.*

Are you Listening! - Shunte Ki Pao!
Director: Kamar Ahmad Simon
Bangladesh | 90 mins | Documentary | 2012 | Bangla | US Premiere
Synopsis: *Life changes for Rakhi, Soumen and Rahul as the entire village takes refuge on an age-old dyke after a tidal surge sweeps over the coasts of Bangladesh, flooding the entire village and the lands they cultivate. A community struggles to get back the land they lost.*

Katiyabaaz
Director: Deepti Kakkar and Fahad Mustafa
India | 82 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premier
Synopsis: *A documentary which shines light on India's energy poverty. Hundreds of people in Kanpur, India, risk their lives to steal electricity in a city where there are fifteen hour power outages.*

Hit the Road: India
Directors: Gor Baghdasaryan and Mushegh Baghdasaryan
Cast: Ric Gazarian and Keith King
India | 84 mins | 2013 | Chicago Premiere
Synopsis: *A travel adventure documentary about two friends participating in a 12-day-long rickshaw rally across India, from Mumbai to Chennai, recognized by the Lonely Planet as one of the top ten greatest adventures in the world.*

Algorithms
Directors: Ian McDonald
India | 96 mins | 2012 | US Premiere
Synopsis: *Three talented chess players from India battle their opponents and their inner demons as they dream big for blind chess in India.*

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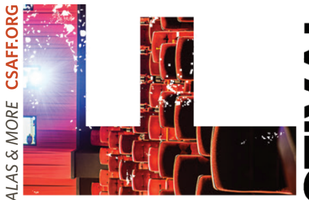

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FILM SCHEDULE

TIME	PROGRAM	VENUE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
6:00pm	OPENING NIGHT – RED CARPET	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
7:00pm	OPENING NIGHT FILM – LIAR'S DICE	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
10:00pm	OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION	GALLERY BAR CHICAGO
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19		
4:00pm	SHORTS SESSION 1	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
6:00pm	CROSSING BRIDGES	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
6:30pm	HIT THE ROAD: INDIA	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
8:30pm	M CREAM	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20		
11:30am	KAPHAL –WILD BERRIES	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
1:00pm	SHORTS SESSION 1	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
2:00pm	ARE YOU LISTENING!-SHUNTE KI PAO!	EVANATON PUBLIC LIBRARY
2:30pm	ALGORITHMS	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
4:00pm	SHORTS SESSION 2	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
4:30pm	FANDRY	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
6:00pm	MUNNARIYIPPU-THE DEADLINE	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
6:30pm	BRAHMIN BULLS	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
8:30pm	MONSOON SHOOTOUT	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
11:00pm	AFTER PARTY	MUNICIPAL BAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21		
11:30am	KATIYABAAZ	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
1:00pm	SHORTS SESSION 2	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
2:00pm	SHORTS SESSION 3	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
3:00pm	MITRAA & PURPLE SKIES	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
3:30pm	THE FADING VALLEY	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
4:30pm	PRESENT CONTINUOUS	EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
5:00pm	PHORING	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER
8:00pm	ANKHON DEKHI	SHOWPLACE ICON THEATER

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VENUE LOCATIONS

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150 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago

Evanston Public Library
1703 Orrington Ave, Evanston

Gallery Bar
738 N. Clark Street, Chicago

Municipal Bar
216 W Ohio St, Chicago

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Centerpiece

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