



Chicago South Asian Film Festival Announces Their 2011 Dates and Opens Film Submissions

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CHICAGO, IL – March 11, 2011 - The Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF) has announced its dates for this year - the three-day festival will be held September 30th to October 2nd, 2011 at the Chicago Cultural Center and Columbia College Chicago.

After an overwhelming response for CSAFF 2010, the festival team is already planning on making this year even bigger and better. The programming committee is now inviting all filmmakers to submit their films starting March 15th, 2011 thru June 15th, 2011.

“Given the success of last year's festival, we are starting our submission process earlier so we can deliver the same quality programming that cuts across the entire spectrum of South Asian cinema. While we're always looking for independent movies that appeal to broad audiences, we're also making sure to keep an eye out for films and directors that push the envelope in terms of the stories that are told, the subjects that are covered, and the techniques utilized within the production. And also, like last year, there are no entry fees to submit.” said Mileen Patel, Programming Director.

With films like *Ashes*, *The Japanese Wife* and *Seven Days in Slow Motion* the previous year, they look forward to receiving a wide array of films for this year too. Festival selections will be announced by July 31st, 2011.

For more information on film submissions, please visit www.csaff.org.

About CSAFF

The Chicago South Asian Film Festival was developed to promote South Asian culture throughout the Chicago area and Midwest by showcasing films by South Asians as well as films that represent the perspectives of the Diaspora. For more information on the Chicago South Asian Film Festival, please visit www.csaff.org.

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