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### **The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago South Asian Film Festival Announces Bollywood Attendees**

*Farooq Sheikh, Priyanka Bose, Abhinav Tiwari, Ami Bhogani, and Trupti Bhoir offer their support for the largest South Asian Film Festival in the Midwest. The festival will open with *Oass*, a Cannes Festival premiere, and present Mira Nair's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* starring Kate Hudson, Liev Schreiber, Riz Ahmed, and Shabana Azmi.*

Film enthusiasts and Bollywood fans alike have much to look forward to in the Chicago South Asian Film Festival's upcoming event, to be held between September 20 and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Showplace Icon Theaters and Film Row Cinema at Columbia College. Several notable members of the industry, including acclaimed actor Farooq Sheikh, are expected to make an appearance at the fourth annual festival which will present over 24 films and host a number of speakers.

The festival will launch with the features *Much Ado About Knotting* and *Thanha Rathi Ranga*, and will be followed by a red carpet welcome for the U.S. premiere of *Oass*, a portrayal of child trafficking through the eyes of a young girl. Director Abhinav Shiv Tiwari and actress Priyanka Bose are expected to attend.

The weekend will present continuous screenings of short length and feature films and will host an appearance by Hansal Mehta, director of the centerpiece film *Shahid*. Parvesh Cheena of *Outsourced* fame will be present for his short film, *...Or Die*.

Director Sanjay Tripathy will also be in attendance to support his Bollywood directorial debut, *Club 60*. The film features acclaimed actors Farooq Sheikh, Sarika, Satish Shah, and Tinnu Anand who play a group of young at heart 60-year-olds.

Producer Ami Bhogani will be present for the screening of director Mira Nair's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*. The film stars Hollywood talent Kate Hudson and Riz Ahmed and tells the story of a Pakistani man whose American Dream is threatened after the 9/11 al-Qaida attacks. The IFFI Century Award winner will close the festival.

Amit Rana, festival director, is looking forward to this year's event, which will pay tribute to Indian cinema's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. "We are excited to welcome such a wide array of talented and emerging artists from across the South Asian film world to Chicago."

Other attendees include actor Trupti Bhoir, director Nilendra Deshapriya, director Reena Dutt, actor Anshul Kataria, and director Meera Menon.

Major sponsors include Comcast, Columbia College Chicago and Saavn.

For a more information on the list of attendees and film selections, please visit <http://csaff.org>.

### **About CSAFF**

[Chicago South Asian Film Festival](http://www.csaff.org) is dedicated to fostering a diverse cinematic experience through South Asian films. The Festival was founded in 2010 and is organized by the Chicago South Asian Arts Council Inc. The Festival is held in late September in conjunction with Columbia College Chicago and includes a stellar selection of films and guests, panel discussions, opportunities for filmmakers and film lovers to connect, musical performances, tributes to major artists, and galas. The Festival is committed to providing a groundbreaking cinematic experience for filmmakers and moviegoers alike with the warmth and personal touch that is unique to Chicago. For more information, visit [http://www.csaff.org/](http://www.csaff.org).