

## Chicago South Asian Film Festival 2014

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### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago South Asian Film Festival Announces Dates and Call for Entries**

- *Festival will take place in downtown Chicago and Evanston from Thursday, September 18, 2014 to Sunday, September 21, 2014*
- *Veteran, First-Time and Student filmmakers should submit Entries by July 15<sup>th</sup>*

**CHICAGO May 30, 2014** – The Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF) is celebrating its landmark fifth year by delivering the very best in South Asia's most fiercely original, daring and exciting cinema to Chicagoland from Thursday, September 18, 2014 to Sunday, September 21, 2014. CSAFF also announces its Call for Entries in all categories including student & first-time filmmakers and short & feature length films.

All submissions should be received by Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm CST. The Festival is divided into five categories: Feature, Documentary and Shorts where established and rising filmmakers will display their films while our exclusive, Student Shorts and First-Time Filmmaker Feature, will celebrate emerging talent. Please visit [www.csaff.org](http://www.csaff.org) or email [programming@csaff.org](mailto:programming@csaff.org) for details.

To accommodate loyal CSAFF supporters, Evanston, home to Northwestern University, will be showcasing the carefully curated and dynamic films alongside downtown Chicago during the festival weekend.

The Festival is the largest of its kind in the heartland of America. Because of this platform, a new initiative called CSAFF Presents: i2f2 Cinema Conversation Culture is being launched this year to spotlight films from the Middle East, along with South Asian films. The Festival looks to provide its diverse and integrated audiences extended world cinema in Evanston from September 19<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>.

CSAFF will consider films recommended by our team of world-renowned curators: Deepti D'Cunha, Amy Kronish and Intishal Al Timimi of the [Abu Dhabi Film Festival](#). Ambassadors of the

festival include Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and acclaimed South Asian artists, Aparna Sen, Lillete Dubey and Shabana Azmi.

The Fifth Annual Chicago South Asian Film Festival runs from Thursday, September 18, 2014 to Sunday, September 21, 2014 in Downtown Chicago and Evanston.

For additional information on CSAFF 2014, including submissions dates, screening times, locations, featured guests and ticketing details, please visit [www.csaff.org](http://www.csaff.org)

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### **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 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. In 2014 CSAFF will launch 'CSAFF Presents: i2f2 Cinema Conversation Culture' which will spotlight films from the Middle East, along with South Asian Films. 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/>.