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**Rolling the red carpet for the 10th time at the Chicago South Asian Film Festival**  
***Press invited to thought-provoking discussions, events and film screenings***

**CHICAGO - September 14, 2019** – This month, the Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF) celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. CSAFF, one of the largest film festivals of its kind in the Midwest, will begin on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's a big anniversary with a full lineup of inspiring movies.

The films focus on and represent regions of South Asia including Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Afghanistan as well as the broader South Asian diaspora. Filmmakers from the United States and Canada present their experience of being South Asian in North America with a focus on immigration, generational divide, and LGBTQ rights.

CSAFF is excited to invite the media to two special events. Members of the media must apply for accreditation here: [https://www.csaff.org/media\\_accreditation/](https://www.csaff.org/media_accreditation/)

- **CSAFF Media Day (11:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, Showplace Icon, 1011 S Delano Ct, Chicago, IL 60605)**
  - CSAFF presents: *The Long Take* – two hours devoted to discussion about the films with industry insiders. Filmmakers will discuss about everything from freedom of expression in South Asia to digital films, special effects, and more. Journalists will have the opportunity to meet with these seasoned professionals. Note – this event is exclusively for members of the press.
- **Red Carpet and Opening Night (6:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, Venue SIX10, 610 S. Michigan Ave.)**
  - The press is also invited to attend the Red Carpet and Opening Night Film. Meet the filmmakers and stars of South Asian film here in glamour! This opening night gala will include a screening of *The Last Color*, written and directed by Michelin-starred Chef Vikas Khanna and stars veteran actor Neena Gupta.

View the full film schedule here: <https://www.csaff.org/film-schedule/>

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## About CSAFF

*The Chicago South Asian Film Festival 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, the Festival introduced the South Asian Films in America (SAFA) Awards, an Award honoring South Asian Films and Artists exclusively in Chicago. Our audience is the largest growing ethnic group in America, particularly Chicagoland, and 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/>.*