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The 5th Annual Chicago South Asian Film Festival Announces 2014 Film Selections

The Chicago South Asian Film Festival – CSAFF – gears up for a weekend of dynamic world cinema celebrating Independent filmmakers, directors and actors in the heartland of America

Chicago, IL – August 25, 2014 – The Chicago South Asian Film Festival reveals the film lineup to be held between September 18th and 21st. The festival, the largest of its kind in the Midwest, will present over 25 films in downtown Chicago, at the Showplace ICON Theater in South Loop, and in Evanston, at The Evanston Public Library.

A carefully curated collection of independent films, shorts, documentaries, events and discussions will create the four-day Festival experience. The Festival will open with the Chicago premiere of ***Liar's Dice*** by director Geethu Mohandas, which was screened at the Sundance Film Festival and includes dynamic performances from Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Geetanjali Thapa and Manya Gupta. Festival circuit favorite, ***M Cream***, will be the Friday night feature. ***Monsoon Shootout*** will be the centerpiece film and also includes the audience favorite, Nawazuddin Siddiqui. Invigorating performances in ***Ankhon Dekhi*** directed by Rajat Kapoor, known for his roles in *Dil Chatha Hai*, *Bheja Fry* and *Monsoon Wedding*, will close out the Festival on Sunday evening.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel mentioned the following in his support of CSAFF, “The Festival creates an innovative cultural and cinematic experience for Chicagoans and visitors alike. Through the gift of film, the Chicago South Asian Film Festival invites all to share and enjoy the magic of cinema and true cultural exchange. The City is proud to host this extraordinary partnership between the South Asian community and the arts and entertainment industry.”

A full list of films to be presented in the windy city is provided below.

A Boy Called Boris (Director: Ashok Vish): Short Film; United States; Max Kolby, Brian Gildea, Jose Amor

Algorithms (Director: Ian McDonald): U.S. Premiere; Documentary; India

Blouse (Director: Vijayeta Kumar): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; India; Sumeet Vyas, Imran Rashid, Ronjini Chakraborty, Preeti Sharma

Brahmin Bulls (Director: Mahesh Pailoor): Chicago Premiere; Feature; India; Sendhil Ramamurthy, Roshan Seth, Cassidy Freeman, Justin Bartha

Color of War (Director: Sai Pawar): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; United States; Matt Pohlkamp, Tristan Coe, Jon Peterson, Scott E. Myers

Fandry (Director: Nagraj Manjule): Chicago Premiere; Feature; India; Somnath Avghade, Kishor Kadam, Sanjay Chaudhri, Suraj Pawar Payeshari

The Fading Valley (Director: Irit Gal): Chicago Premiere; Documentary; Israel

Give Into the Night (Director: Sonejuhi Sinha): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; United States; Sarita Choudhury, Alisha Nagarsheth, Vijay Bhargava

Hit the Road (Director: Gor Baghadasharyan, Mushegh Baghdasaryan): Documentary; India; Ric Gazarian, Keith King

Int. Café- Night (Director: Adhiraj Bose): U.S. Premiere; Short Film; India; Naseeruddin Shah, Shernaz Patel, Shweta BASu Prasad, Naveen Kasturia

Jaya (Director: Puja Maewal): Short Film; India; Faimida Shaikh, Anil Rathod, Jaihind Kumar

It's About Time (Director: Snehal Patel): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; United States; Omi Vaidya

Kaphal- Wild Berries (Director: Batul Mukhtier): Feature Film; India; Harish Rana, Pawan Singh Negi

Katiyabaaz (Director: Deepti Kakkar, Fahad Mustafa): Chicago Premiere; Documentary; India

M Cream (Director: Agneya Singh, Aban Raza): Chicago Premiere; India; Imaaduddin Shah, Ira Dubey, Auritra Ghosh, Raaghav Chanana, Barry John, Tom Alter

Mitraa (Director: Ravi Jadhav): U.S. Premiere; Short Film; India; Veena Jamkar, Sandeep Khare, Mrunmayee Deshpande

Mohammad (Director: Shahnawaz Ali): World Premiere; Short Film; Qatar

Munnariyippu (Director: Venu): Feature; U.S. Premiere; India; Mammooty, Aparna Gopinath

Odh- An Odyssey (Director: Naina Panemanglor): Short Film; India; Devashish Boralkar, Priya Bagalkote

Phoring (Director: Indranil Roychowdhury): Chicago Premiere; Feature; India; Ritwick Chakraborty, Sohini Sarkar, Shankar Debnath, Akash Adhikary

Present Continuous (Director: Aner Preminger): Chicago Premiere; Feature; Israel; Hagit Dasberg, Eyal Nachmias, Matan Preminger, Tamar Preminger

Purple Skies (Director: Sridhar Rangayan)- Chicago Premiere; Documentary; India

Rangzen-Freedom (Director: Gaurav Saxena): U.S. Premiere; Short Film; India; Tenzin Dayoe, Sonam Phunsok

Tamaash- The Puppet (Director: Satyanshu Singh, Devanshu Singh): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; Kashmir; Zahid Ahmed Mir

Veil (Director: Sreemoyee Bhattacharya): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; India; Joey Debroy, Daminee Basu

What Remains (Director: Sarita Khurana): Chicago Premiere; Short Film; United States; Ananya Kumar-Banerjee, Sumitra Rajkumar

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For additional information on CSAFF 2014, including screening times, locations, featured guests and ticketing details, please visit 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. 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/>.