INDO-AMERICAN ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATES **20 YEARS OF GIVING**

Aroon Shivdasani announces her retirement as Aseem Chhabra to take over

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The 20th meeting of IAAC NYIFF kicked off with a mix of celebration as well as heavy hearts as Aroon Shivdasani announced the festival at the Indian Consulate in New York on May 6. With Aseem Chhabra on her side, who has been with NYIFF, the crown of IAAC every year, Aroon announced that she will be retiring at the end of the festival. Aroon has been the backbone of the IAAC since it was launched by her to give a platform to different art forms and to introduce the rich heritage of India in all forms including films, literature, paintings, dance and theater.

Now, after two decades of a relentless work IAAC reverberates all across the world for its content, quality and class. The media conference was followed by the traditional gala dinner which was held on a cruise with creme de la creme of greater New York, including top luminaries from Hollywood, in attendance.

NYIFF has been the leading platform to present some of the best films including short films from the sub-continent with a focus on India.

The festival opened on Monday and the closing night is on May 12.



Consulate General of India NY Sandeep Chakraborty and Sree Sreenivasan ex-chief digital officer of New York during the Gala



Salman Rushdie and Mira Nair at the red carpet of the IAAC 20th Anniversary Gala in NY





Aroon Shivdasani, Artistic and Executive Director of IAAC, being honored for her 20 years of service to the Indian American community in New York by Sir Salman Rushdie on May 6 at a gala in NY



A Selfie at the inauguration of New York Indian Film Festival 2018: Author Salman Rushdie, Madhur Jaffrey, CBE is an Indian-born actress, food and travel writer, Aasif Mandvi, is a British-American actor and comedian, MIra Nair Producer Director, Aroon Shivdasani, Aseem Chhabra Film



Aroon Shivdasani giving her farewell speech on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of heading IAAC



Celebrity and entrepreneur Poonam Khubani of TeleBrands with Sir Salman Rushdie





Payal Singhal Fashion Show organized by Terra Inde at the Gala

