

INDO-AMERICAN ARTS COUNCIL, INC.

IAAC Newsletter

Call for Entries- The Fifth IAAC Film Festival

Deadline: August 1, 2005

Festival: Nov 2-6, 2005; New York City

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Submit your projects to the IAAC Film Festival and be a part of the event that is dedicated to promoting emerging talent and presenting them on the same platform as established filmmakers from the sub-continent. This year the IAAC will honor Gurinder Chadha (Bend it Like Beckham, Bride & Prejudice) and Deepa Mehta (Earth, Fire and the upcoming Water) for their continued generous support of the Indo-American Arts Council. Last year the IAAC honoured Salman Rushdie, Mira Nair, Ismail Merchant & Shabana Azmi.

Shorts/Documentaries and Features can be submitted in one of the two sections below. Only DVDs and NTSC-VHS formats accepted for submissions.

Diaspora Films: Films made by people of Indian origin living outside India or by non-Indians with Indian content (plot, theme, actors, location, director, producer, animator, cinematographer) will be considered for this section.

Independent Films: Independent films made in India with a unique voice/message and considered Independent by the industry will be considered in this section.

The IAAC film festival has grown since its inception in 2001 from a feature-only (12 projects) to include Shorts, Docs and features (50 Projects) from established as well as emerging filmmakers from the subcontinent and the Diaspora. In the past we have premiered projects from well-known filmmakers like Monsoon Wedding (Mira Nair), Bride & Prejudice (Gurinder Chadha) as well as promoted promising young talent like Morning Raga (Mahesh Dattani), American Made (Sharat Raju), Reinventing the Taliban (Sharmeen O'Baid). Prominent Industry Executives like Greg Rhem, HBO have been on our jury, selecting and promoting the material and filmmakers. Our audiences include South Asian as well as mainstream cinema lovers, industry professionals and new and established filmmakers.

To Join the IAAC, Sponsor a program, Volunteer for an event or simply to stay informed of upcoming calendar - contact:

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PadmaLakshmi, Salman Rushdie & Shabana Azmi at the HAROUN & THE SEA OF STORIES at the Lincoln center

Counsel
General of
India,
Pramathesh
Rath at the
Passport to
Contemporary
India Show



Aroon Shivdasani and Salman Rushdie at the Masters of Indian Cinema

Hugo Weihe(Christies), Lorianna modelling Aishwarya Rai's outfit, Aroon Shivdasani(IAAC), Yamini Mehta(Christies) at the Tsunami Benefit at Christies



Vijay Tendulkar Festival Participants and Organizers

Playwright's Week 2005

June 10-18

A week long festival of new plays

Eleven plays will be presented this year's Playwright's Week, including three plays from the South Asian Diaspora and two from the Middle Eastern Diaspora.

For the past three years, The Indo American Arts Council has partnered with the Lark Play Development Center and with several theatres in the New York South Asian Diaspora Community to produce an annual South Asian Diaspora Playwrights Festival.

The results of this collaboration have been a remarkable increase in the awareness of South Asian Diaspora playwrights and an influx of fine scripts by these playwrights.

For More Information contact



IAAC Fourth Film Festival: PadmaLakshmi, Salman Rushdie, Shabana Azmi, Shashi Tharoor, Mira Nair, Madhur Jaffrey