

Film

Bangladeshi film wins top award in Kathmandu

Directed by Yasmin Kabir the award-winning film 'My Migrant Soul' narrates the painful tale of a migrant worker

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THE top award at Film South Asia 2001 (FSA '01) Ram Bahadur trophy went to a Bangladeshi film 'My Migrant Soul', directed by Yasmin Kabir...



The participants and organizers of the Film South Asia 2001 gather for a group photograph after the award ceremony. Bangladeshi film 'My Migrant Soul' by Yasmin Kabir won the top prize at the festival

The film festival was inaugurated by the famous director Shyam Benegal and began with the screening of Dhruba Basnet's 'The Killing Terraces'...

HE Nihal Roderigo, Secretary General of SAARC, as part of the opening function, launched the clearinghouse of South Asian Documentaries...

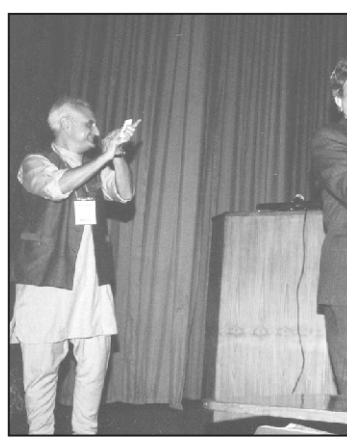
Altogether, 45 documentaries on South Asian topics were screened in the competition, held over three and a half days of the Film South Asia festival...

The films were judged by a three-member jury headed by internationally-renowned director Shyam Benegal...

Within Film South Asia 2001, a selection of 20 short and silent films

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Nihal Roderigo, Secretary General of SAARC and Kanak Dixit of FSA at the inauguration.

October as part of the festival, with a presentation by Beena Sarwar from Lahore. On 7th October there was a meeting organised by Nepali feature filmmakers and Shyam Benegal to discuss the present state of the Nepali feature film industry and its future directions.

Stories' directed by Surabi Sharma. This is a social documentary presenting everyday conflicts of people in a Mumbai slum...

"King of Dreams", another Indian film, directed by Amar Kanwar, got the Jury's Award. This is a deeply personal film comprising of dreams, desires and constant yearnings...

Afsan Chowdhury, a filmmaker and well-known journalist of Bangladesh who is also a member of the Editorial Board of the Himal South Asian magazine...

"This year one of the significant factors was the presence of Shyam Benegal as a member of the jury. The fact that a person of such eminence had agreed to come for the occasion itself shows that the South Asian film festival has become mainstreamed about it..."



Kanak Dixit, Editor of the Himal South Asian magazine and principal organizer of the FSA 01 presiding over the inauguration ceremony

tinue this FSA. In many ways this is a great effort that they are pushing through but these films do face a crisis although this crisis is being overcome by the sheer goodwill of those involved in this festival...

The film that has been particularly noted is 'My Migrant Soul' from Bangladesh, which won the first prize, the Ram Bahadur Trophy. This is the first time that a Bangladeshi has won a first prize and this is significant in my opinion...

Bangladesh, made by an expatriate has been accepted for the travelling film festival.

"The interesting part of this festival was the 'festival within a festival' billed as 'The Silent Night' which included about 22 films including two from Bangladesh. These were hugely successful and one of them was mine...

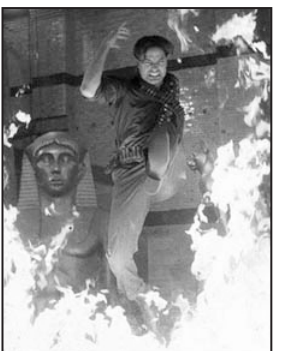


Viewers, film makers and guests at the venue of the third Film South Asia 01 held in Kathmandu. Over 45 films from different parts of South Asia were hosted at the festival which ran from 4 to 7 October

as one of the Editors of the Himal South Asian magazine I will confide the fact that it was I thought of very highly by everyone including Shyam Benegal. There were other Bangladeshi entries besides this and one film on Clinton's visit to

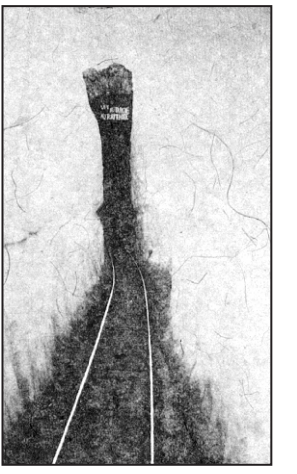
Khan leave his house' and the 'Professor' also showed his works. He and Mazhar Zaidi run a website on folk art, cinema and other visual forms, called 'Mattela' which was instrumental in arranging the 'goongi' (Dumb) films.

RECOMMENDATIONS



The Mummy Returns

This Hollywood blockbuster now runs at the country's premier cinema hall Modhumita. The Mummy Returns is the sequel of The Mummy and have all the ingredients of its earlier one...



Graphic prints show

Noted French artist Jean-Michel Alberola's solo exhibition of graphic prints runs till October 26 at the French cultural centre, Alliance Francaise, at Dhanmandi.

Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmandi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience...

TV GUIDE

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