



27TH ANNUAL

OCTOBER 2-4

ENZIAN & THE ASIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESENT

SOUTHWEST ASIAN

FILM FESTIVAL • ORLANDO 2021

BEYOND BOLLYWOOD

THE BENGALI

preceded by "Son Of A Sweeper"

Southeast Premiere!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 11:00 AM

"There's a deft but visionary touch at play here. *The Bengali* is immersive social reporting on the human experience."

- Tom Jennings, DIRECTOR, LOGAN NONFICTION PROGRAM

PEBBLES

preceded by "Pilibhit"

Florida Premiere!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 2:00 PM

"An extraordinary first feature...a starkly imagined vision of patriarchy and poverty."

- Richard Brody, THE NEW YORKER

CHHOTA CINEMA: NEW INDIAN SHORTS 2021

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 11:00 AM

An inventive musical-comedy about bridal regret and a visually stunning documentary about a gender-fluid artist seeking love and acceptance bookend this wonderfully diverse short film showcase. Featuring a North American Premiere, a U.S. Premiere, 2 Southeast Premieres, and a Florida Premiere, this highly entertaining 5-film program is truly the best in new Indian cinema.

7 DAYS

Southeast Premiere!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 2:00 PM

"Just because *7 Days* knows the beats of the classic rom-com, that doesn't make it a cover version. Instead, it's a delightfully new riff, one filled with cultural specificities and timeliness."

- Richard Whittaker, AUSTIN CHRONICLE

LAST FILM SHOW

Southeast Premiere!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:30 PM

"A love letter to the power of the cinema, *Last Film Show* echoes *Cinema Paradiso* and other classics."

- Michael Frank, THE SPOOL



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PILIBHIT



NOTHING BUT A HUMAN



7 DAYS



LAST FILM SHOW

THE BENGALI

Southeast Premiere!

Saturday, October 2 at 11:00 AM

A multi-racial writer from Louisiana, Fatima Shaik, embarks upon an unlikely quest when she travels from New Orleans to a part of India where no American has ever gone to look for her grandfather's descendants, the land he claimed to own, and the truth behind the stories she grew up with. Winner of the Flickers International Humanitarian Award at the Rhode Island Int'l Film Festival. **USA, 2020, 71 Min, Directed by Kavary Kaul, in English & Bengali with English subtitles**

PRECEDED BY SON OF A SWEEPER

Vimal Kumar is the son of a sweeper, or "untouchable" in India's cruel caste system. This enlightening doc short profiles his efforts to provide options and hope for other children of sweepers through education and his "Movement for Scavenger Community" centers. **USA, 2020, 28 Min, Directed by Lisa Mills, in English & Hindi with English subtitles**

PEBBLES

Florida Premiere!

Saturday, October 2 at 2:00 PM

An irascible drunkard drags his reticent boy to a distant village to get his estranged wife to return, but when the encounter turns ugly, the journey home through unforgiving Tamil Nadu barrens transforms the father and son's parched relationship. Winner of the Tiger Award at the 2021 Rotterdam Int'l Film Festival. **India, 2021, 74 Min, Directed by P.S. Vinothraj, in Tamil with English subtitles**

PRECEDED BY PILIBHIT

Florida Premiere!

Mounting livelihood pressures and tragedies corner an impoverished flute maker to take a drastic measure that threatens to tear down his values and a loved one. Inspired by true stories of Pilibhit, North India, where man eating tigers thrive. **India, 2020, 23 Min, Directed by Ashutosh Chaturvedi and Pankaj Mavchi, in Hindi with English subtitles**

CHHOTA CINEMA: NEW INDIAN SHORTS 2021

Sunday, October 3 at 11:00 AM

Always striving to showcase the best in cutting-edge new Indian cinema, the South Asian Film Festival is proud to present 5 outstanding films from across the globe. This entertaining and eclectic program of comedies, drama, and documentary includes LAST NIGHT IN VEGAS; the U.S. Premiere of DAMMY; STRONG SON; RUNS, IN THE FAMILY; and the North American Premiere of NOTHING BUT A HUMAN.

7 DAYS

Southeast Premiere!

Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 PM

Ravi and Rita are set up on a date arranged by their traditional Indian parents. When unforeseen circumstances force them to live together for a week, Ravi discovers that Rita is not quite the traditional girl of his dreams—but her "bad influence" might be just what he needs to expand his limited worldview. One of the hits of this year's Tribeca Festival, this impressive directorial debut is sweet, quirky, heartfelt, and genuinely funny. **USA, 2021, 86 Min, Directed by Roshan Sethi**

LAST FILM SHOW

Southeast Premiere!

Monday, October 4 at 6:30 PM

When the magic of the movies conquers the heart of Samay, a mischievous nine-year-old boy from a remote village, he moves heaven and earth in pursuit of his 35mm dreams, unaware of the heartbreaking times that await him. Bribing the projectionist with his mom's home-cooked lunches, Samay has the best seat in the house from the booth in this masterful homage to the cinema of the past. **India/France/USA, 2021, 110 Min, Directed by Pan Nalin, in Gujarati with English subtitles**

TICKET INFO

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(limited quantity)*

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