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India International Centre (IIC) 40 Max Mueller Marg , New Delhi

WEDNESDAY 5 March 2014 | IIC Auditorium

Time	Film/Event	Duration
10.30am	NYONYA'S TASTE OF LIFE Wen Chih-Yi 2007 FEATURE FICTION TAIWAN South Asian Premiere	78min
	Stories of Indonesian domestic helpers and Thai worker come to Taiwan dreaming of a better life.	s who
11.50am	TEA BREAK	
12.10pm	SOUNDPHILES: Many Echoes, Many Worlds A celebration of listening	
	[RE]LOCATE (THE ATTACK) Tahera Aziz UNITED KINGDOM	5:26min
	NEURO-ICU Sindhu Thirumalaisamy	5:28min

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	WAR FROM 1980 TILL TODAY Shiva Sanjari IRAN	4:36min	02.30pm	I TOO HAVE A VOICE Suba Sivakumaran SHORT FICTION 2013 SRI LANKA Indian Premiere	12min
	THREADS AS YET UNDONE Ruchika Negi & Amit Mahanti INDIA	5:00min		In a time of violence in Sri Lanka, two women try to reconcile their past and redirect their future.	
	CONSCIOUSNESS OF DREAMS Anupam & Ankita Purkayastha INDIA	7:08min	•	WHITE VAN STORIES Leena Manimekalai DOCUMENTARY 2013 INDIA Indian Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	90min
	FARZ-I MUHAL / AS IF Nazli Deniz TURKEY	4:47min		A film on enforced disappearances in Sri Lanka.	
	WE WANT JUSTIC Namrata Mehta INDIA	4:47min	04:45pm	AISA NAHIN HUA THA TAHIRA Rajula Shah SHORT FICTION 2013 INDIA Delhi Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	23min
	KABARIIIIAAAAA Rashmi Kaleka INDIA	6:32min		Who has the right to tell a person's story? The film explores the binaries of fact/fiction, life/narrative, individual/ collective karma	
	PCO 1: RANGOON Paromita Vohra INDIA	1:18min	05.30pm	TEA BREAK	
	SWITCHBOARD 1: RUBY THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR Paromita Vohra INDIA	2:56min	06.00pm	FELICITATION OF ALL PARTICIPATING FILMMAKERS	
	REHEARSAL FOR A POEM Saba Hasan INDIA	2:21min		CARPET WEAVERS Batul Moradi DOCUMENTARY 2013 AFGHANISTAN International Premiere	19min
	AUGUST (EDITED) Usha Rao INDIA	5:41min		Seasons come and go, children play in the courtyard, a year passesand a carpet gets woven.	
•	DISCUSSION WITH THE SOUND ARTISTS			AND THE UNCLAIMED Debalina	62min
1.30pm	LUNCH BREAK		•	DOCUMENTARY 2013 INDIA DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	
				Two young girls in Nandigram committed suicide, and their bodies remained unclaimed. Moments of love and hatred emerge as their own love story unfolds.	

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10.30am	WATERMELON, FISH AND HALF GHOST Payal Kapadia SHORT FICTION 2013 INDIA Delhi Premiere	11min	01.40pm	LUNCH BREAK	
	A fable about life in a chawl where superstitions, relationships and crises create a unified community.		02.30pm	CROSSINGS LOVE Kuo Shiao-Yun DOCUMENTARY 2012 TAIWAN South Asian Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	83min
•	HAZE Kanika Gupta EXPERIMENTAL 2013 INDIA World Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	6min		An exploration of domestic violence and how such an experience impacts abused children.	
			04.30pm	TEA BREAK	
	A journey from trying to find meaning in everything to a realm beyond meaning.		04.45pm	THE BREADFRUIT TREE Priyamvada Narayanan SHORT FICTION 2013 INDIA	22min
	BANDISH Adwaita Das	7min	•	DISCUSSION WITH THE PRODUCTION DESIGNER JENNY PINTO)
•	EXPERIMENTAL 2013 INDIA World Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER			Complex layers of love, loss and meaning unfold in a Bandra home, as Edwin tries his best to save a tree.	
	A young woman observes herself through the camera seeking a deeper truth.			A SUMMER FLU Priyanka Chhabra SHORT FICTION 2013 INDIA	17min
	FOR YOU AND ME Tanushree Das EXPERIMENTAL 2013 INDIA World Premiere	11min	•	DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	
•	DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER A film of yearning and the struggle to sustain			Wrapped in long afternoon siestas lie endless pockets of time. A young girl reminisces a childhood spent in the summer in Delhi.	
	relationships in a society of technological proximity				
	and physical distances.		06.00pm	TEA BREAK	
11.30am	INGIRINTHU Sumathy Sivamohan FEATURE FICTION 2013 SRI LANKA Indian Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	114min	06.30pm	SLEEPLESS NIGHTS Elaine Raheb DOCUMENTARY 2012 LEBANON South Asian Premiere	128min
	Combining multiple genres and narrative forms, the film is an epic narration of the minority Tamil tea plantation community's struggle to survive.			Through the stories of a former high ranking intelligence officer and the mother of a missing young communist fighter, the film asks if redemption and forgiveness are possible.	

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10.30am	WOMB ON RENT Ishani Dutta DOCUMENTARY 2013 INDIA DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	49min		[RE]LOCATE (THE ATTACK) Tahera Aziz UNITED KINGDOM	5:26min
	The emotional journey of a surrogate mother.			NEURO-ICU Sindhu Thirumalaisamy INDIA	5:28min
	THE BAMBOO GROVE Khin Khin Hsu SHORT FICTION 2011 MYANMAR Indian Premiere	19min		THREADS AS YET UNDONE Ruchika Negi & Amit Mahanti INDIA	5:00min
	A naive young city doctor comes into conflict with traditional Kayin ideas about healing.		•	DISCUSSION WITH THE SOUND ARTISTS	
12.00pm	TEA BREAK		01.30pm	LUNCH BREAK	
12.15pm	SOUNDPHILES: Many Echoes, Many Worlds A celebration of listening		02.30pm	AN ALMOST PERFECT DAY Humaira Bilkis SHORT FICTION 2012 BANGLADESH Delhi Premiere	12min
	SWITCHBOARD 1: RUBY THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR Paromita Vohra INDIA	2:56min 5:41min 4:47min	•	DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER A young tourist guide meets a girl one day	
	AUGUST (EDITED) Usha Rao INDIA			and proposes, but the love remains incomplete. HAVE YOU SEEN THE ARANA? Sunanda Bhat	74min
	WE WANT JUSTIC Namrata Mehta INDIA			DOCUMENTARY 2012 INDIA A journey through Wayanad, a rich and bio-diverse	
	EMPATHY Komal Sachdeva & Sana Amir INDIA	5:28min		region in South India, that is witnessing drastic transformation in the name of 'development'.	
	LEAVING Shumona Goel & Michael Northam INDIA/USA	7:12min	04.15pm	TEA BREAK	
		7.12IIttit	04.30pm	PANEL DISCUSSION THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS	
	FARZ-I MUHAL / AS IF Nazli Deniz TURKEY	4:47min	POST CONFLICT SRI LANKA AND ITS DILE WITH Anomaa Rajakaruna, Sumathy Sivam		
	BICYCLE SEQUENCE: EXCERPT FROM TRANSMISSIONS FROM A MISSING SATELLITE Mehreen Murtaza PAKISTAN	1:46min		Leena Manimekalai and Priya Thangarajah	

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10.30am	I AM MICRO Shai Heredia & Shumona Goel EXPERIMENTAL 2012 INDIA	15min		TRUELOVESTORY Gitanjali Rao ANIMATION 2013 INDIA Delhi Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER	ı
	An experimental film portrait of an anonymous filmmaker struggling to make films against innumerable odds.			Where does Salim, a 17 year old orphan living on the streets of Bombay, learn to woo a woman? The film is a glimpse into the influence of Bollywood	
	GRANDMOTHER Oorvazi Irani EXPERIMENTAL 2011 INDIA World Premiere	7min		on real life.	
	A portrait of a grandmother sans a realistic treatment		12.00pm	TEA BREAK	
	—the film's time and space are suspended in an artistic realm beyond the real and the unreal.		12.15pm	SUCH A GIRL LIKE ME Man Uen Ching SHORT FICTION 2012 HONG KONG Indian Premiere	15min
	MY GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE Shunn Lei Swe Yee DOCUMENTARY 2013 MYANMAR Indian Premiere	14min		Yin is a mortician who does make-up for the dead. She hides this fact from her boy friend out of shame.	
	Thakin Htein Win's granddaughter reminisces about the old wooden house which was once a meeting place for the architects of the country's independence moveme	ent.		MY FANCY HIGH HEELS Ho Chao-Ti DOCUMENTARY 2010 TAIWAN South Asian Premiere	55min
	MADLY IN LOVE Ikue Sugidono ANIMATION 2013 JAPAN South Asian Premiere	5min		Filmed over a period of two years, the film rigorously traces the journey of a pair of branded high-heeled shoes, and looks at the dreams of the people involved.	
	A woman wants to decorate herself with a cute cake.		01.30pm	LUNCH BREAK	
	But in reality, she doesn't like a man who takes interest only in the surface.		02.30pm	JAADUI MACHCHI Ektara Collective SHORT FICTION 2013 INDIA Delhi Premiere	37min
	HINT Adi Bar Yossef SHORT FICTION 2012 ISRAEL South Asian Premiere	17min	•	DISCUSSION WITH CREW MEMBERS MAHEEN MIRZA & HASS	ATH
	Sharona's dance partner at the weekly folk dancing sessions is the clumsy Micha. Only after his sudden death does she discover his secret love for her.			On the banks of a flowing river Jyotika and her friends meet an old woman who tells them the story of a fish that spreads happiness in the world. Does that fish really exist?	

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•	AABIDA Maaria Sayed SHORT FICTION 2013 UNITED KINGDOM Delhi Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE LEAD ACTRESS LUBNA SALIM	26min
	Aabida is a recently widowed woman who chooses to look upon life as a fresh opportunity to indulge in the little pleasures her strict husband would not permit her.	
04.15pm	TEA BREAK	
04.30pm	VOICES OF ORCHID ISLAND Hu Tai-Li DOCUMENTARY 1994 TAIWAN South Asian Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER The film explores the complex and often troubled relationship the Yami community of Orchid island has with the outside world, exploring different types of 'invasion'.	73min
06.00pm	TEA BREAK	
06.30pm	MY NO-MERCY HOME Aori DOCUMENTARY 2013 SOUTH KOREA International Premiere DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKER The courageous story of a young woman who sues her father for sexual abuse.	77min

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ACCSEX Shweta Ghosh DOCUMENTARY 2013 INDIA	52min
This film explores notions of beauty, the 'ideal body' and sexuality through four storytellers who happen to be women with disability.	
BEYOND THE BURQA Sahara Mosawi DOCUMENTARY 2012 AFGHANISTAN/NEPAL	21min
The story of Afghan women building their future with past memories and utilizing the present resources.	
BEYOND THE VEIL Anusha Nandakumar DOCUMENTARY 2012 INDIA	53min
The story of two strong women—Sughra Fatima a teenage boxer and her mother Rukhsana Begum.	
CHAKRAVYUH Dhvani Desai ANIMATION 2013 INDIA	3min
This film is an effort to eradicate the social evil called "Corruption" through usage of the RTI (Right to Information Act).	
CHILDREN OF SRIKANDI Children of Srikandi Collective DOCUMENTARY 2012 INDONESIA/GERMANY	73min
Eight highly personal and profound perspectives on lesbian, bisexual and trans-identity life in Indonesia.	
DEADLINE Sandhya Prabhat ANIMATION 2013 INDIA	4min
A writer tries to pen a story but the words don't	

come so easily...

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GOOD MORNING KARACHI Sabiha Sumar FEATURE FICTION 2011 PAKISTAN Rafina wants to become a model, but when the opportunity arises she faces resistance from both	85min	MOTHERLAND AFGHANISTAN Seddika Mojaddi DOCUMENTARY 2007 AFGHANISTAN Seddika Mojaddi follows her doctor parents, Qudrat and
her mother and her fiancé.		Nafisa, on two visits to their homeland as they try to provide much needed medical care to Afghan women.
GURBET PASTASI - JOURNEY OF THE CAKE Ayse Funda Aras DOCUMENTARY 2013 TURKEY	56min	NO PROBLEM! 6 MONTHS WITH THE BAREFOOT GRANDMAMAS Yasmin Kidwai DOCUMENTARY 2012 INDIA
A story of migration, wealth and poverty as the Hemsin people struggle to keep alive their craft of cake making.		Numerous illiterate rural women from Africa are trained as solar engineers at the Barefoot College in Tilonia.
KHWAB CHOONE KI KHWAHISH Sajana Jayraj DOCUMENTARY 2013 INDIA	19min	SURVIVOR Shirin Barghnavard EXPERIMENTAL 2013 IRAN
The film juxtaposes the dreams and aspirations of young Muslim girls with their realities of a marginalizexistence in the old city of Hyderabad.	zed	An experimental piece on the aftermath of war.
LORI Hila Shrem SHORT FICTION 2012 ISRAEL	17min	WOMEN SINGING IN THE DESERT Alkα Sαdαt DOCUMENTARY 2013 AFGHANISTAN Women huddle around the bread maker's oven and
16 year old Lori half jokingly recounts to her friends a very disturbing incident involving her father.		share their stories. The group evolves and becomes formalized as they take up vocational training.
LOVE.LOVE Sandhya Daisy Sundaram DOCUMENTARY 2013 RUSSIA	11min	
Through the endless winters, every year, her love takes new shapes and forms.		
MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELORS Deepti Ahuja DOCUMENTARY 2013 INDIA	31min	
A journey into the lives of nine Gujarati men from different socio-economic and religious backgrounds.		

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Each year, the India Chapter holds the IAWRT Asian Women's Film Festival around International Women's Day. The festival provides a unique platform for students, practitioners and film enthusiasts to interact. Members volunteer to organise this event every year with an aim to celebrate the depth and diversity of women's creative expression.

Selections from previous editions have travelled to several cities in India -Ahmedabad, Auroville, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Panaji, Puducherry, Pune and Thiruvananthapuram. Packages have also featured at Birds Eye View Films Festival 2011, London; International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala, 2011; Vasakh Festival 2012, Lahore; 1st Herat International Women's Film Festival 2013, Afghanistan; Films from South 2013, Oslo; Mumbai International Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films (MIFF) 2014, India.





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