

What's on at the Indian Film Festival

'Taare Zameen Par'

Directed by Aamir Khan

Cast: Aamir Khan, Darsheel Safary, Tanay Chheda



The film tells the story of eight year old Ishaan (Darsheel Safary) who suffers greatly until a teacher (Aamir Khan) identifies him as dyslexic. Both commercially and critically acclaimed, 'Taare Zameen Par' is the winner of the 2008 Filmfare Best Movie Award and the 2008 National Film Award for Best Film on Family Welfare. It has drawn the wide acclaim of critics, while doing well at the box office.

'Corporate'

Directed by Madhur Bhandarkar

Cast: Bipasha Basu, Kay Kay Menon, Raj Babbar



'Corporate' centers around the power games between two industrialists, The Sehgal Group of Industries (SGI) owned by Vinay Sehgal (Rajat Kapoor) and the Marwah Group of Industries owned by Dharmesh Marwah (Raj Babbar). The two companies are traditional rivals in the food products business. Bipasha Basu plays Nishigandha Dasgupta aka Nishi, Vice President of SGI, while Vinay Sehgal's brother-in-law Ritesh (Kay Kay Menon) joins in later as senior vice president. Ashwini, a politician backed by Sehgal, become the Union Finance Minister, which helps the Sehgal Group to enter a lucrative partnership.

'Anaahat'

Directed by Amol Palekar

Cast: Sonali Bendre, Anant Nag, Deepti Naval



'Anaahat' (Eternity) is a Marathi film (produced in 2003) directed by Amol Palekar. 'Anaahat' focuses on a woman (Sonali Bendre) asserting her right to sexual fulfillment. 'Anaahat', (the eighth feature film of the actor-turned-director), is the second offering by Palekar which examines gender-related issues, the first being Daayra. The film was inspired by Surendra Verma's Hindi play Surya ki Antim Kiran Se Surya Ki Pehli Kiran Tak. 'Anaahat' was screened as the opening film of the 2003 Indian Panorama, an International film festival.

'Baazi'

Directed by Guru Dutt

Cast: Dev Anand, Geeta Bali, Kalpana Kartik

'Baazi' is a 1951 Indian Hindi film directed by Guru Dutt. Dev Anand's *N a v k e t a n* production house produced the movie, and as per a commitment given by Dev Anand to Guru Dutt in their days of struggle, the movie was directed by Dutt. The movie stars Dev Anand with Geeta Bali and Kalpana Kartik. It is a crime thriller and had very popular music composed by S.D. Burman. The film is a tribute to the Forties' Film Noir Hollywood with the morally ambiguous hero, the transgressing siren, and shadow lighting. It was very successful at the box-office.



'Rock On!!'

Directed by Abhishek Kapoor.

Cast: Farhan Akhtar, Prachi Desai, Arjun Rampal, Puram Kohli, Luke Kenny



'Rock On!!' is the story of four friends who put together the greatest band this country has ever seen, but never make it. They, namely Aditya (Farhan), Joe (Arjun), KD and Rob (Luke Kenny), fight hard to take their band 'Magik' to the position of number one. They get the opportunity to hit the music chart with an opportunity won in a competition of Channel V. The music channel also provides them with a chance of recording their first album. But no victory comes without its different effects.

'Wednesday'

Directed by Neeraj Pandey

Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Anupam Kher, Jimmy Shergill, Deepal Shaw



Mumbai, the financial capital of India, the city that never sleeps, the city of dreams, fast paced and ever changing, home to Bollywood! A City of beauty but also a city that got scarred! A city whose foundation is slowly crumbling beneath its façade of invincibility! 'Wednesday!' tells the story of certain events that unfold between 2.p.m and 6 pm on a particular Wednesday in this city. Events which do not exist in any record but which deeply affect the lives of those involved.