



Indie Meme Leadership Circle 2025

We invite you to deepen your involvement with Indie Meme, by joining the Indie Meme Leadership Circle.

The Indie Meme Leadership Circle exists to engage donors in the depth and breadth of Indie Meme's mission to influence social and cultural awareness and consciousness, and encourage and facilitate conversations through showcasing socially relevant independent cinema from South Asia & Iran.



(Spotlighting our many filmmakers, members, sponsors and donors!)



Through your tax-deductible gift you:

- ★ Help raise awareness on present social, cultural, & political issues from South Asia within the Greater Austin area and beyond, through in-person screening, and the Indie Meme Film Festival (in-person and virtual).
- ★ Participate in the growth of independent film movements, known to be a catalyst for change.
- ★ Build community around cinema, cultivating a movement of informed people who engage with issues that affect the fabric of the society we are a part of.
- ★ Recognize and honor independent filmmakers & artists for their talent as they pour their intellect and heart to create timely, relevant and thought provoking content.
- ★ Bring films which are hard-to-find, unique, path-breaking, bold in storytelling and technique right here to Austin along with their makers.
- ★ Expand and solidify the presence of South Asian cinema in Texas.
- ★ Support allied and partner organizations by helping amplify their messages.
- ★ Cement Austin as an amazing South Asian Film Festival Hub - something the community can be proud of collectively building & supporting.
- ★ Support local venues & vendors and amplify local businesses.

YOUR contributions are critically important as you are the community Indie Meme is serving through its programming. And most importantly your contribution allows us to leverage additional support through grants from public agencies and private corporations.





Our Story

When Indie Meme was born in 2013, we hoped to find a small group of like minded people who might enjoy indie and off beat cinema from India. It was to be more than Bollywood. From the very beginning, Indie Meme's focus was to screen "films with a social theme and artistic excellence". To achieve this mission, we registered as a 501(c)3 Non-profit, held our first film festival imff@2016, and the rest is history.

As we grew, we expanded our focus, introducing our audiences to incredible content and artists from India as well as other South Asian countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, and Myanmar, as well as from Iran, creating opportunities for audiences to meet these artists in person and virtually.

Indie Meme's annual film festival and year-round events take a dedicated team hundreds of hours to put together. Ever since we started, this work has been done by an amazing team of volunteers. With support from capacity building grants, we now have a team of paid staff, which allows us to better plan, coordinate venues and vendors, and source the films and talent that make our events as special as they are. Increased staff capacity is critical to the continued success and growth of our organization.

Core features of Indie Meme's unique and intimate film-watching experience are the visiting filmmaker and talent Q&As, member mixers, and social events that create a relationship between the viewer and the film. In addition, we are proud to provide our creative talent, from South Asia as well as from the diaspora here in the US, the opportunity to join us at our film screenings. Our community of "Memers" and the larger audience interacts with these incredible creative and talented artists, as well as with each other. Your support allows us to make all this possible in a seamless, professional manner.

In all this work of presenting and sharing socially conscious cinema, we are continuously reaching new communities and audiences.



As we look to the future - We would appreciate your support to help us continue to take Indie Meme to the next level - that of a sustainable “Cultural Institution” representing the South Asian diaspora, with a substantial presence in Austin for years to come.

We all desire a global world, where there are stories that represent every walk of life, defy stereotypes, and help educate the public. Indie Meme plays a critical role in bringing these stories to our audience here in central Texas, and in bringing people together around these stories.

In order for us to meet this mission in 2025, we have an ambitious goal - of \$200,000 in support from institutions and individuals.

We appreciate your consideration of support, and thank you for opening your hearts to join our LEADERSHIP CIRCLE for 2025. Your support makes a difference!





INDIE MEME LEADERSHIP CIRCLE LEVELS

(all levels of Donations will be acknowledged at imff2025 before screenings in a slide show).

Producers Guild - \$5000+

(as a thank you we will extend 6 complimentary all-inclusive platinum badges for the festival & 6 free tickets for each single screening through the year) You are welcome to request 2 more badges.

Directors Guild - \$3000

(as a thank you we will extend 4 complimentary platinum badges for the festival & 4 free tickets for each single screening through the year) You are welcome to request 1 more badge.

Writers Guild - \$2000

(as a thank you we will extend 3 complimentary platinum badges for the festival & 2 free tickets for each single screening through the year)

Lead Cast - \$1000

(as a thank you we will extend 2 complimentary platinum badges for the festival & 2 free tickets for each single screening through the year)

Supporting Cast - \$500

(as a thank you we will extend 1 complimentary platinum badge for the festival & 2 free tickets for each single screening through the year)

ALL Donors receive invitation to all Indie Meme events including exclusive meet and greet with filmmakers and community networking events with other donors and sponsors

Indie Meme Org is a 501(c)3 and so your donations are tax deductible (less the price of the complimentary admission, if any) Platinum Badge - \$200 / Regular Badge - \$100 / Weekend Badge - \$70 / Film Tickets - \$12-\$25