

5th Annual Indie Meme Film Festival (IMFF), held on May 1-3 & May 8-10, 2020 was a success judging by how smoothly the festival was executed and the attendance. The festival converted to a "Virtual" format and was delivered free to its current members. The virtual experience was similar to the live, in-person, Indie Meme Film Festival. All the screenings were presented in the same seamless format with a pre-screening presentation followed by the virtual screening and a Q & A session with the filmmakers. Six days of the festival went without encountering any major technical difficulties.

The winners of IMFF2020 are:

Best Short Film: Meal

Best Documentary: Coral Woman

Best Narrative Feature: The Orphanage

Special Jury Mention (Narrative Feature): Tale of Rising Rani

Audience Choice Award: Aunty Sudha Aunty Radha

There were over 1,600 views for 15 films shown over 6 evenings (6 feature films, and 9 shorts). Since only one login is enough for a family to attend, the total virtual viewers could be over 3000. A total of 11 filmmakers and another 11 casts and crew joined the virtual festival over the two weekends. The Closing Night of IMFF2020 doubled up as the Awards Night as well, and was hosted by the notable stand-up comedian Rajiv Satyal. Acclaimed National Award-winning actor Adil Hussain and Filmmaker and Activist Surabhi Sharma were special guests to celebrate the occasion.

Indie Meme Org is an Austin based 501(c)(3) non-profit, whose mission is to promote socially relevant independent cinema from South Asia, in an effort to influence social and cultural awareness and consciousness, and encourage and facilitate dialogue. Indie Meme engages, educates, entertains, and brings together different communities to promote cross-cultural understanding and build a globally conscious community. Indie Meme offers screenings of carefully curated independent cinema – feature, documentaries, short films, etc. from South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan and even Iran)

For more information and to become a member please visit <http://www.indiememe.org>

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