

6TH INDIE MEME FILM FESTIVAL



IndieMeme.org/IMFF-2021
APRIL 16-18 & 23-25, 2021

	FAN MEMBERS	FAMILY MEMBERS	NON MEMBERS
ALL ACCESS FESTIVAL BADGE Includes ALL Virtual Screenings starting April 16th, Opening Night Party with all the filmmakers in attendance, Closing Night Party & Award Show	\$0	\$20	\$55
SINGLE FILM TICKETS Get access to Single Screenings, including our Short Showcases	\$5	\$5	\$7

Please note: Schedule subject to change, updated schedule will be published online indiememe.org/imff-2021

All screenings & events will be on FILMOCRACY.COM and all films have **ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

MEET & GREET

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM CT

Welcome to IMFF 2021

(Location: Q&A Lobby on Filmocracy.com)

Join us in the Q&A Lobby, meet the IMFF Team, and mingle with other Festival Attendees! Find your festival buddies!



OPENING NIGHT

10:30 PM - 11:30 PM CT

OPENING NIGHT PARTY

(Location: Q&A Lobby on Filmocracy.com)

Grab a drink, chat with other attendees and let's pretend like we're partying in person!

DOC FEATURE SCREENING

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM CT

Shut Up Sona

(Doc | India | 85m | Hindi)

Texas Premiere

A tongue-in-cheek take at a feisty female singer's unrelenting fight for an equal space in modern day India, a country deeply uncomfortable with her emancipation.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Deepti Gupta & Special Guest Sona Mohapatra to follow in the Q&A Lobby

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

SHORTS SHOWCASE I (In Lockdown)

12:00 PM - 1:10 PM CT

Mangsho

(Short | India | 19m | Bengali)

Texas Premiere

All hell breaks loose when an Islamophobic politician gets to know the actual religious identity of a migrant worker, who had been given shelter by the former.

Q&A with filmmaker Tathagata Ghosh



Trivedi Ji

(Short | India | 15m | Hindi)

US Premiere

This film tells the story of a woman stuck in her apartment during the COVID-19 pandemic and trying to survive on depleting food supplies and conversations with her aloe vera plant.

Q&A with filmmakers Rajesh Tailang & Vartika Tiwari

SuttaBaazi

(Short | India | 14m | Hindi)

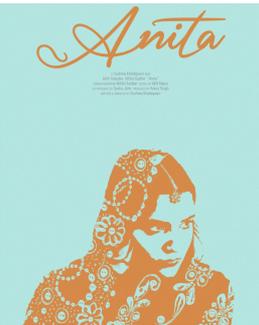
US Premiere

19-year-old Diya is a rising social media star and clandestine smoker. Her household is a pressure cooker about to blow. This is a story about the cracks within families and the bonds which bridge them.

Q&A with filmmaker Kabeer Khurana

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SHORT + FEATURE SCREENING

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM CT

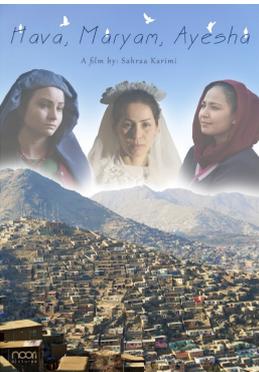
Anita

(Short | India | 17m | Gujarati)

Texas Premiere

While attending her sister's wedding in India, Anita is pushed to question whether her life in America is any better than those in her hometown.

Q&A with filmmaker Sushma Khadepaun



Hava, Maryam, Ayesha

(Feature | Afghanistan | 83m | Pashto)

Texas Premiere

From filmmaker Sahraa Karimi, comes the resonant story of three Afghani women from different generations and social backgrounds; each living in Kabul and facing a pivotal challenge.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Sahraa Karimi to follow in the Q&A Lobby



LATE NIGHT SCREENING

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM CT

Nirvana Inn

(Feature | India | 115m | Assamese/Hindi)

Texas Premiere

A cycle of birth and death and reincarnation. This is the story of a boatman who becomes the caretaker of a Himalayan resort after an attempted suicide.

Q&A with filmmaker Vijay Jayapal



SHORT + FEATURE SCREENING

7:00 PM - 9:15 PM CT

Nooreh

(Short | India | 22m | Kashmir)

Texas Premiere

An eight year old Kashmiri girl, Nooreh, residing in a small village on the India-Pakistan border, believes that she has discovered a strange solution to end the relentless cross firing.

Q&A with filmmaker Ashish Pandey



Nasir

(Feature | India | 85m | Tamil)

Texas Premiere

Nasir is a wryly funny, romantic family man going about the daily errands of his job as a salesman. As the day unfolds, his course will be altered by an act of communal bigotry.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Arun Karthick

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18

DOC FEATURE SCREENING

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM CT

Rituals of Resistance

(Doc | Tibet/Nepal | 63m | English/Hindi)

Texas Premiere

Three generations of Tibetan refugees living in disparate parts of the world share their stories of resistance.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Tenzin Phuntsog to follow in the Q&A Lobby

SHORT + FEATURE SCREENING

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM CT

The Last Rights

(Short | India | 15m | Hindi)

A young Indian woman challenges her society's patriarchal traditions in order to give her deceased grandmother her last rites.

Q&A with filmmaker Aastha Verma



Bulbul

(Feature | Nepal | 116m | Nepali)

A young mother works as a tempo driver to support her family after his husband abroad stops communicating. On the job, she finds herself falling for a new man.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Binod Paudel to follow in the Q&A Lobby



SHORTS SHOWCASE II (Youth Special)

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM CT

Mauj Be-harkat Si

(Short | Pakistan | 18m | Urdu)

Texas Premiere

A ten year old boy is caught between caring for his paralyzed sister and making her experience the world as he does.

Q&A with filmmaker Sibtain Shabbir

Tiffin

(Short | India | 10m | Hindi)

US Premiere

A young muslim girl thinks she has a strong friend group, but is brought down by their unwillingness to share lunches with her as they do with one another. When a prankster steals everyone's lunch except her's, it may offer an opportunity.

Q&A with filmmakers Ghania Siddique & Talat Shakeel

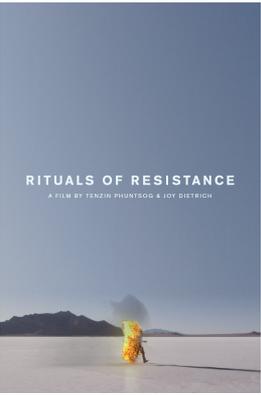
Furniture

(Short | Bangladesh | 24m | Bangla)

US Premiere

After moving to a new town to find a better education for their children, a family is taken aback by the strong social pressure to purchase furniture for entertaining. Each family member responds in their own way.

Q&A with filmmaker Nazmus Sakib Himel



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FRIDAY, APRIL 23

FEATURE SCREENING

7:00 - 9:00 PM CT

Veyilmarangal (Trees Under The Sun)

(Feature | India | 108m | Malayalam)

US Premiere

A Kerala family loses their home to catastrophic floods and must move to Himachal Pradesh, where they're employed as guards of a Himalyan apple orchard.

LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Bijukumar Damodaran to follow in the Q&A Lobby



FILMMAKER PANEL

9:45 PM - 11:00 PM CT

A Conversation with our Filmmakers

(Location: Q&A Lobb on Filmocracy.com)

Meet filmmakers Deepti Gupta, Sahraa Karimi, Bijukumar Damodaran, Binod Paudel and join Tania Romeo to talk about their films seeking to express the inner lives of their protagonists. Come find out how does character drive plot!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

MEET & GREET

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Meet the IMFF Team

(Location: Q&A Lobby on Filmocracy.com)

Come say hello to the team behind Indie Meme! Ask us questions - let's talk imff2021! We would love your feedback on our program & execution!

SHORT + FEATURE SCREENING

7:30 PM - 9:15 PM CT

Dry Leaves

(Short | Pakistan | 10m | Urdu)

Texas Premiere

A day in the lives of residents living in an old house, as seen by a newly admitted Zahida and the dilemma she faces as she spends time with the residents.

Q&A with filmmaker Ali Sobai Jaura

Seven and a Half

(Feature | Iran | 75m | Persian)

Texas Premiere

The tale of 7 Iranian and Afghani girls, told in seven episodes. The stories deal with overlapping issues of marriage, violence, and the loss of control over one's own destiny.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Navid Mahmoudi to follow in the Q&A Lobby

SHORTS SHOWCASE III (In Your Head)

4:00 PM - 5:20 PM CT

Kalam

(Short | Nepal | 15m | Nepali)

Texas Premiere

At the outset of a civil war, villagers migrate from rural Nepal to urban India to survive. A young boy aims to remain behind to play in an upcoming football tournament with his friends.

Q&A with filmmaker Prabin Kumar Rawat

Sunday

(Short | India | 10m | Hindi)

Texas Premiere

A middle aged man makes a pilgrimage to his favorite barber shop every Sunday, rain or shine. And it's not just for a shave. As a closeted gay man, he nurses a crush on his charming hairdresser.

Q&A with filmmaker Arun Fulara

Laali

(Short | India | 24m | Hindi)

US Premiere

A lonely laundryman from the suburbs of Calcutta finds unexpected companionship in an unclaimed red dress, which triggers esoteric memories from the past.

Q&A with filmmaker Abhiroop Basu

LATE NIGHT SCREENING

10:00 PM - 11:30 PM CT

Trijya (Radius)

(Feature | India | 91m | Marathi)

Texas Premiere

An artistically inclined villager struggles to find his place in the metropolis of Pune. The pressures of work and societal expectations disconnect him from himself as he seeks firm ground to call his own.

Q&A with filmmaker Akshay Indikar

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6TH INDIE MEME FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Meet the Shorts Filmmakers

(Location: Q&A Lobby on Filmocracy.com)

We invite you to come meet the Shorts Filmmakers for a live discussion in an informal setting - the perfect time for you to ask your burning questions!



CLOSING NIGHT & AWARDS CEREMONY

9:30 PM - 11:00 PM CT

Closing Night & Awards Party

(Location: Q&A Lobby on Filmocracy.com)

Closing Night hosted by *Sucharita Tyagi*, writer, film critic, video content creator and former radio jockey who happens to also be a super cool person. JURY AWARDS in three categories & AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD - all announced with the filmmakers in attendance!!! **BE THERE!!!**

SHORTS SHOWCASE IV (True to You)

3:00 PM - 4:20 PM CT

Sab Rab De Bande

(Short Doc | India | 28m | Pobjabi/Hindi)

US Premiere

Sab Rab De Bande brings forth the various challenges that LGBTQ Sikhs grapple with and the different ways in which they reconcile their faith and gender/sexual identities.

Q&A with Anwesh Saboo & filmmaker Sukhdeep Singh

Pari of Pokhara

(Short | Nepal | 23m | Nepali)

Texas Premiere

A young Nepalese girl wants to escape poverty and become a Bollywood star. Her Indian friend Abhinash is willing to help her to take her to Mumbai but little did she know about his true intentions.

Q&A with filmmakers Babar Ali

FEATURE SCREENING

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM CT

Zindagi Tamasha

(Feature | Pakistan | 138m | Pobjabi/Urdu)

US Premiere

A devout Muslim man's life is turned into a public circus when an exposé from his private life becomes an internet sensation, calling into question his piety, respect, & sexuality.

Virtual LIVE Q&A with filmmaker Sarmad Khoosat