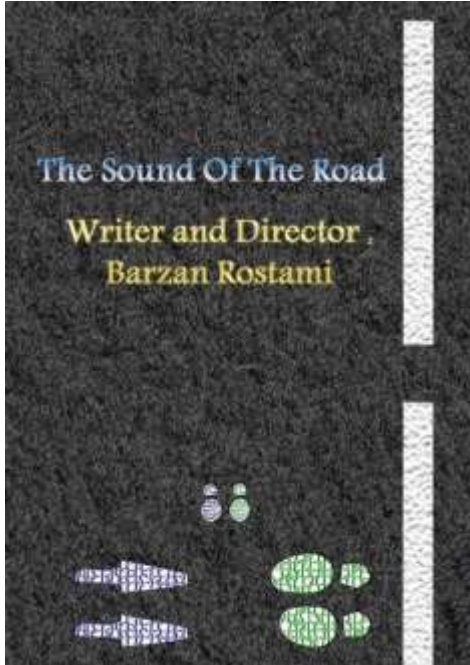


Animation



The Sound of the Road

Director: Barzan Rostami | Country: Iran

Synopsis:

The story is about fake loves. A boy and a girl meet each other in the street. After a while they get married. After a period of time living together and having some conflict they have a baby. In spite of the conflict they get divorced. As a result the child is wondering which one to choose, dad or mom, the child neither chooses dad nor mom, the child chooses the way which leads to vague fate....

05th January, 2016 | 12:00 PM | B.I.T. Campus

2014 | 3 min | DVD | Color | Animation | Persian |

Previous Nominations: Cape Cod Festival of Arab & Middle Eastern Cinema; River Film Festival



What is Your Talent

Director: Barzan Rostami | Country: Iran

Synopsis:

It is a talent competition in the world that people take part in it, and represent their abilities and the jurors score them. The first participant is a puppeteer and after his representation the audiences and juries both like it very much. The next one does tricks and again they are not interested. The next participant is a small kid playing violin, but the audiences reject. The next one aim at a pigeon, being the simple of peace, by a bow and let it die. All the audiences and the jurors give him a nice hand while they are standing. He gets the highest score and wins the first prize.

05th January, 2016 | 12:00 PM | B.I.T. Campus

2015 | 6 min | DVD | Color | Animation |

Documentary Feature



The Tainted Veil

Director: Ovidio Salazar, Mazen Al Khayrat & Nahla Al Fahad |
Country: UAE

Synopsis:

Whether a veil of the soul, the mind or the body; the layers of the veil in history and the many meanings behind it will be revealed. 'Women are either judged for wearing the hijab or not wearing it' (the hijab refers to the head covering). In 'The Tainted Veil,' the challenges surrounding these ideas are exposed in a debate by diverse guests and extraordinary stories.

03rd January, 2016 | 12:30 PM | Manipal University

2015 | 78 min | HD | Color | Documentary | English |

Documentary



The Lamp

Director: Naziha Mehmood | Country: Pakistan

Synopsis:

The story is based on our greatest philanthropist, Abdul Sattar Edhi, and he is the main character of this documentary and his creation of this side of the picture, which was unknown and unseen till he came forward.

This documentary will create awareness of his work and spread the feeling of extending such help by others and in principle prepare a global effort to raise awareness of what Edhi has achieved and in all eventuality put into effect the possibility of the Nobel Prize for him.

03rd January, 2016 | 11:15 AM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2015 | 34 min | HD | Color | Documentary | Urdu |



Backstage of Tradition

Director: Sarah Yona Zweig | **Country:** Israel

Synopsis:

In the temple, Sreehari encounters “Kūṭiyāṭṭam” as a visual sacrifice to the gods, as a ritual which only those of the actors' caste are allowed to perform there. At home, we see him with his parents, both distinguished “Kūṭiyāṭṭam” performers. Backstage, in the secular theater constructed by his parents outside the temple walls, Sreehari witnesses the paradox of tradition- in order to keep a tradition alive, one has to change it.

The Backstage of Tradition is a story about the transformations on and of the stage transferred into a secular world. It is a story about the ultimate stage- the human face and its transformations.

05th January, 2016 | 04:15 PM | Manipal University

2014 | 45 min | HD | Color | Documentary | English |

Previous Nominations: Golden Orchid International Animation Film Festival



Chekov's Everyman

Director: Amir Cohn | **Country:** Israel

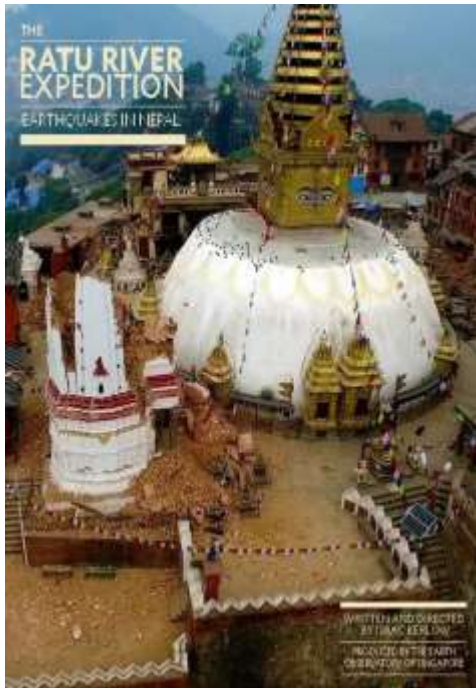
Synopsis:

Chekov's Everyman presents the viewer with the story of Albert Cohen, a lively 83 year old Bulgarian-Israeli actor struggling to stage the last play of his life. After an illustrious career performing over 90 plays a month, Albert finds himself without any role to perform. Utilizing the little means he has, Albert decides to pursue his dream by translating and staging the play 'Chekovs Everymen' in his apartment. Albert's home and professional life collide as the play comes to life. The viewer peeks into the world of the grumpy antihero who lives off the momentum of his creation.

06th January, 2016 | 03:30 PM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2015 | 28 min | HD | Color | Documentary | Hebrew |

Previous Nominations: Montreal World Film Festival; St. Louis International Film Festival



The Ratu River Expedition

Director: Isaac Kerlow | Country: Nepal

Synopsis:

A 25-min documentary about earthquakes in Nepal, featuring interviews with scientists and villagers, easy-to-understand animation, and new scientific discoveries that can help to minimize casualties from future seismic activity. A production of the Earth Observatory of Singapore in collaboration with the National Seismological Center of Nepal.

06th January, 2016 | 02:40 PM | Manipal University

2015 | 26 min | DVD | Color | Docu | English |

Feature Films



Manto

Director: Sarmad Sultan Khoosat | Country: Pakistan

Synopsis:

Manto is a 2015 Pakistani biographical drama film based on the life of short story writer Saadat Hassan Manto (1912–1955). The film depicts the last few years in the life and career of the South Asian author who is renowned for his scathing insight into human behavior and the at-times macabre and animalistic nature of people.

02nd January, 2016 | 05:00 PM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2015 | 124 min | HD | Color | Biography | Urdu | Debu |



Until Ahmad Returns

Director: Sadegh Daghighi | Country: Iran

Synopsis:

'Khark' Island is located at the Persian Gulf. It was bombarded more than 2840 times by Saddam during the Iran-Iraq war which lasted for 2800 days. This means more than once per day. This film tells the story of the life in these two countries and their people's atrocities during the war.

Don't listen to anybody; it's for your own good, not Maryam's. People of Iraq are our brothers who are captives in the hands of an insane man who is called Saddam.

A world full of peace and philanthropy beyond geographical boundaries.

03rd January, 2016 | 01:15 PM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2015 | 82 min | DVD | Color | Drama | Persian | Debu |



Utopia

Director: Hassan Nazer | Country: Afghanistan

Synopsis:

Three interwoven stories of loneliness and isolation that centre around Janan, a woman from Afghanistan who travels to the UK for artificial insemination. Complications arise when William, a medical sciences student working in the clinic switches the donor's semen for his own.

04th January, 2016 | 01:15 PM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2015 | 90 min | HD | Color | Drama | English |

Previous Nominations: Prestige Film Award, US; Official Entry to the Oscar's



A Baby with Red Socks

Director: Khodadad Jalili | **Country:** Iran

Synopsis:

In southern Tehran among the brick kilns live a group of Afghan refugees who have come to Iran illegally and work without permit. Bahar Naz the Afghan woman who has just given birth to her newborn girl has to flee the region in order to save her child. She runs away from her husband, from rotten traditions and the burning heat of ignorance.

But here, they grieve for those who stay and lament and wail for those who leave Bahar Naz, however.....

04th January, 2016 | **07:00 PM** | **Tivoli(Golcha)**

2015 | 85 min | HD | Color | Drama | Persian |



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Director: Narges Abyar | **Country:** Iran

Synopsis:

Olfat is a rural woman whose son has disappeared during the war. Remaining hopeful to see her son again, she starts a long waiting phase for the return of the son.

04th January, 2016 | **07:00 PM** | **Nile(Golcha)**

2014 | 93 min | DVD | Color | Drama | Persian |

Previous Nominations: BUSAN Film Festival; International Film Festival of India



Oblivion Season

Director: Abbas Rafei | Country: Iran

Synopsis:

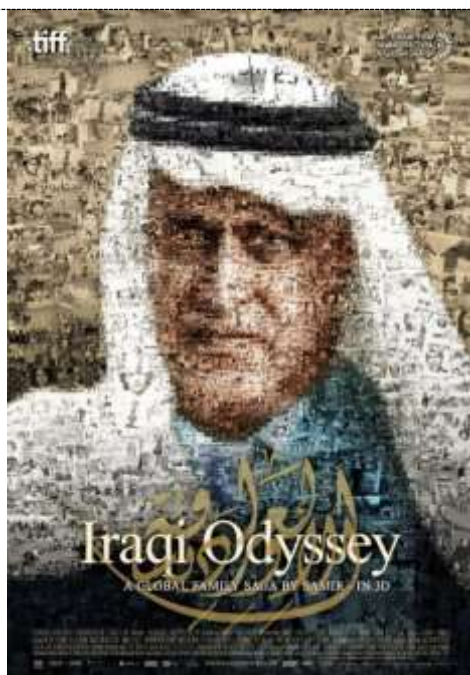
An ex-prostitute starts a new life by marrying her loved one but leaving the shadow of her dark past is not as easy as it seemed before. Now she is the prisoner of her loved one and to earn her freedom she should fight with the masculine society...

In Iran's today society making a film about prostitutes is a real challenge cause the society and government deny their very existence. Now it's much more difficult that your protagonist be an ex-prostitute.

05th January, 2016 | 04:45 PM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2014 | 93 min | DVD | Color | Drama | Persian |

Previous Nominations: Fajr Film Festival



Iraqi Odyssey

Director: Sameer | Country: UAE

Synopsis:

While there are no precise statistics, it is estimated that four to five million Iraqis live outside Iraq today. Award-winning filmmaker Samir was born in Baghdad and has lived in Switzerland since he was child, while the members of his extended family are scattered all over the world - Abu Dhabi, Auckland, Sydney, Los Angeles, Buffalo, London, Paris, Zurich, and Moscow - with only a handful remaining in Iraq. Recounting his family's stories of departures and uprootings, in Iraqi Odyssey Samir also chronicles how Iraqis' dreams of building a modern and just society after their nation achieved independence in the 1950s were brutally dashed over the course of half a century. Loosely organized in three acts, the film begins with Samir's grandfather and his role in the struggle against British colonialism.

06th January, 2016 | 06:00 PM | Nile(Golcha)

2014 | 162 min | HD | Color | Drama | English |

Previous Nominations: Toronto International Film Festival; Official Entry to the Oscar's



Maskoun

Director: Sharif Abdunnur, Krystle Houiess |
Country: UAE, Lebanon, Egypt

Synopsis:

Prepare for a film like no other, nothing as scary, as provoking or powerful. Based on true stories from all over the Middle East; a horror film like no other with twists and turns to keep you on the edge of your seat. With real footage of actual paranormal sightings, interviews, TV shows, news reels and actual celebrities all merge into this suspenseful feature film.

04th January, 2016 | 06:30 PM | Manipal University

2015 | 96 min | HD | Color | Horror | English | Debu |

Short Films



The Room

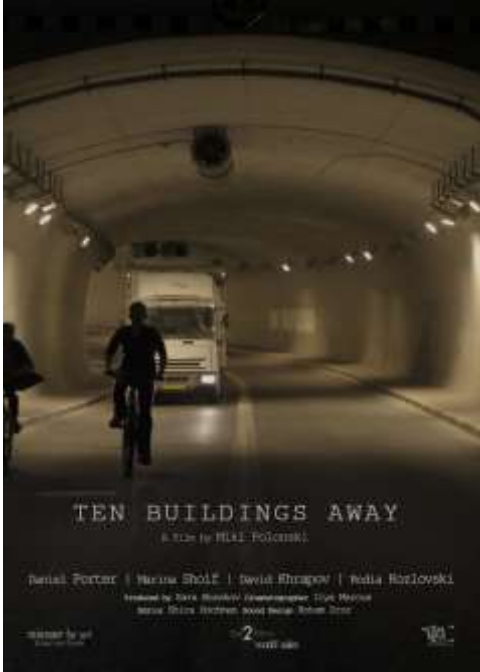
Director: Benyamin Haftlang | Country: Iran

Synopsis:

This film tells the story of a painting The Room of the famous American Painter, Edward Hooper. This shows one couple in a room. The man is busy in himself, he never think about his wife. The woman plays a piano whenever she gonna sad.

04th January, 2016 | 05:15 PM | Tivoli(Golcha)

2015 | 14 min | DVD | Color | Drama | Persian |



Ten Buildings Away

Director: Miki Polonski | Country: Israel

Synopsis:

A four storey building in the midst of a city. A bridge runs above it, busy with heavy traffic and passing trucks. Behind the leftmost window on the fourth floor is the residence of two brothers, a mother and a father. A family, who perhaps, have never had the right to exist.

04th January, 2016 | 03:45 PM | Press Club

2015 | 25 min | DVD | Color | Fiction | Hebrew |



Relocation (Bait Shlishi)

Director: Yair Fridman | Country: Israel

Synopsis:

Moshe watches in concern when the residents of the nursing home deceased like flies. His daughter got relocated to Cleveland and he's planning to join her while he still can. He packs his last belongings while chatting with his rabbit Haim, and leaves with his suitcases to wait for her.

04th January, 2016 | 04:25 PM | Press Club

2015 | 12 min | HD | Color | Fiction | Hebrew |

Previous Nominations: Tel Aviv Student Film Festival



Nabilah

Director: Paul Meschuh | Country: Afghanistan

Synopsis:

The young Afghan woman “Nabilah” is injured in an accident. German soldiers take her to a military base. Since the residents of Nabilah’s home town must not find out about her physical contact with foreign men, a race for her life begins.

04th January, 2016 | 04:35 PM | Press Club

2015 | 22 min | DVD | Color | Drama | German |

Previous Nominations: Cannes International Film Festival



Confined Space

Director: Siamak Ahmadi | Country: Iran

Synopsis:

The little girl was walking to school want her father to sign her career, she brought a pen from her bag and fill it with water and ... Her father also signs the career, father was exposed to destructive war, confined space like a limbo home and community, surrounds him... After leaving the little girl and the loud closing on a house, the spiritual father is in critical condition and in hell.

06th January, 2016 | 03:50 PM | Nile(Golcha)

2015 | 4 min | DVD | Color | Drama | Persian |