

Ekhon Nedekha Nodir Xipare at Washington DC film fest



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Ekhon Nedekha Nodir Xipare (As the River Flows), a film by debutant director Bidyut Kotoky on the troubled river island Majuli has been invited for screening at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF). The 90-minute film which is inspired by the ‘unfortunate’ incident of kidnapping and murdering of social activist Sanjay Ghose in 1997 in Majuli will be screened during the May 9 to May 13 at Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland.

“It is definitely one of those moments when you feel that your hard work has been paid off. I feel, the viewers will get an opportunity of the situation which touched Assam a decade back,” said an excited Bidyut Kotoky after he got the confirmation from the organizers.

Sponsored by Ceasar Productions, DCSAFF aims to give South Asian filmmakers from around the world a chance to exhibit their films to the diverse cine-going audience of the nation's capital. The Festival brings together a wide variety of films from across South Asia and includes films in Hindi, Urdu, Marathi, Bengali, and Telegu.

The festival will kick-off Friday night with an exclusive opening night red carpet gala followed by a feature film tribute. On Saturday night our centerpiece film will be shown. On Sunday evening, the festival will close. All guests will be available for question and answer sessions after every movie. Other highlights of the weekend include workshops on film making techniques from renowned artists and technicians, short films directed by local artists ‘The Story Tellers’, and the Washington DC premieres of a number of exciting new films.

DCSAFF 2013 will give a chance for audiences of all ages and ethnicities to discover new South Asian filmmakers, and celebrate ones already well established.

The film which was produced by National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) features some of the known names of Bollywood including Victor Banerjee, Sanjay Suri, Raj Zutshi, Nukul Vaid, Naved Aslam and Bidita Bag. Ekhn Nedekha Nodir Xipare also won the best screenplay award during the Assam State Film awards recently.

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