

# South Asian Film Festival

*...dissolving boundaries*

**saff-2012**

**October 25-28, 2012**

**Goa**

## PRESS NOTE FOR saff-2012-Goa

**saff-2012 to honour Sh. Randhir Kapoor.** Sh. Randhir Kapoor will be the Special Guest of Honour at saff-2012 and will be felicitated, on October 25, 2012, for the immense contribution in the Indian Cinema.

Sh. Tariq Anwar will inaugurate the Festival.

Sh. Sanjay Chauhan will conduct a Script writing workshop on October 26, 2012 from 11.00 am onward at ESG.

Sh. Rahul Mitra, film-maker will make an announcement about latest Hindi Cinema Project.

Konkani film, Mariola, written and directed by Sh. Joe Rose will also be screened at saff-2012.

Some of the finest classics of Indian Cinema like **Aag, Raja Harishchandra, Jamai Babu, Kaliya Mardaan** will be screened at the Festival

**South Asia Foundation hosts the 7<sup>th</sup> annual South Asian Film Festival-saff-2012 at Goa with the theme *...dissolving boundaries*. saff is also celebrating the remarkable journey of "100 glorious years of Indian Cinema".** This is the first ever effort to celebrate 100 years of Indian Cinema that is being celebrated at the South Asian Regional level in the presence of prominent film-makers of all the South Asian Countries. saff is all set to bring some of the finest cinema from all the South Asian Countries. Beginning on October 25, 2012, the four day long festival is one of rare festival where all the South Asian Countries film-makers join in **celebrating the spirit of South Asian Cinema to promote** and propagate peace and harmony in the South Asian Region with a spirit of oneness. saff is also an initiative of the Foundation to bring people to people contact through the medium of cinema where it tries to reach it to the grass-roots level also. It is also one of the most popular non-governmental initiative, where people to people vibrant contacts are effectively made through the medium of cinema.

South Asia Foundation has received support from the ICCR and Public Diplomacy Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make this event a grand success.

At the inaugural ceremony, Kathak recital by noted Kathak Danseuse **Ms. Sharmistha Mukherjee** and group and an ensemble on **Bhutanese Culture being presented by Karma Deki**, Actor-Director from Bhutan and to add the local flavour to the festive season, Goa's very own **Sigmund De Souza** would also present a cultural programme at the Kala Academy Goa's Open air Amphitheater at 6.00 pm on October 25, 2012.

Indian Film Industry's stalwarts like Randhir Kapoor, Prakash Jha, Sanjay Chauhan, Rahul Mittra and others will join in this initiative of the South Asia Foundation.

saff-2012 with its selection of films, will showcase the changing phases of Indian Cinema. saff-2012 will screen more than 40 films from all the South Asian countries, with a blend of different genres like Classic Films, Short Films, Documentary Films, Mainstream Popular Films and premiere of a Marathi film. The South Asian Film Festival will showcase some of the finest classics like Raja Harishchandra, Jamai Babu, Aag, Kalia Mardan and popular new era films like Singham, Rajneeti, Ye saali Zindagi, Udaan, and many more. At the regional level, films from South Asian countries include Hot days of Torkham from Afghnaistan, Amar Bondhu Rashed from Bangladesh, Seday from Bhutan, Insaaf from Maldives, Diyalee from Nepal, A garden in Shigar, All that Jazz from Pakistan, Nildiya Yahana from Sri Lanka,, Indian Regional films like 1:30 am, Ekaa Ekaa, and others.

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Best,  
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