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## **Silk Screen Gala Attendees to Party like Slumdog Millionaires** *Asian American Film Festival brings Bollywood to the 'Burgh*

The Silk Screen Asian American Film Festival will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Silk Screen Festival in Pittsburgh highlighting Asian-American films. Silk Screen is a unique multiple-day international film festival premiering in Pittsburgh May 8-17, 2009. Showcasing up to 20 feature films in multiple venues, Silk Screen is the first ever Asian American Film Festival in Pittsburgh. The festival will be screening feature films made by Asians and Asian-Americans at the three Pittsburgh Filmmakers venues: The Regent Square Theatre, Harris Theater, and the Melwood Screening Room. Individual tickets will be \$9.00 (students \$5.00) at each theater box office for that theater's daily screenings. Patrons may also make advanced purchases of \$50.00 Multi-Screening Passes (a \$72 value), good for eight films per pass.

Each film is feature length (60 minutes in length minimum), and tells a universally appealing story of human emotions, and or drama. Many of the films have won numerous awards, and several are scheduled for special presentations that include question and answer sessions with filmmakers.

Silk Screen's Red Carpet fundraiser is being held at 8:00 p.m.-midnight on Friday, May 8, at 121 Seventh Street, Sixth Floor (above Bossa Nova). Dress code is ethnic dress preferred/cocktail attire to one of the top parties in the 'Burgh as rated by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in 2008. Tickets for the Gala (are \$75/person (advanced tickets will be \$60 through May 1) and will provide attendees with opportunity to sample the area's best in Asian ethnic cuisine, as well as to experience unique performances such as IE Fire Eaters, Japanese Fusion, Lively Bhangra. Tickets for the Gala may be purchased at [www.silkscreenfestival.com](http://www.silkscreenfestival.com). In addition, Silk Screen is offering a Gala and Opening Night Feature ticket for \$90/person (advanced tickets will be \$75 through May 1). Silk Screen is honored that India's consul General Mr. Prabhu dayal will be attending this year's Gala.

To view the complete festival schedule and to learn more about the films, concerts and Gala, visit our website at: [www.silkscreenfestival.org](http://www.silkscreenfestival.org) . The website also has convenient links to let individuals purchase tickets online.

*Silk Screen Asian Festival is a unique multiple-day International Film Festival premiering May 8-17, 2009 in Pittsburgh, PA. With more than 20 feature films in multiple venues,*

*and a Red Carpet Gala, Silk Screen will be an annual event showcasing the cultural heritage of Asia. Asia is defined by the Festival as Asian-speaking countries east of Bosporus, such as India, Japan, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, and more. Simply put, Silk Screen will showcase films with universal themes that transcend political and cultural boundaries. Silk Screen is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c) 3 non-profit media arts organization.*

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