

Naseeruddin Shah Starrer Opens New York Film Fest

NEW YORK (PTI) – The Naseeruddin Shah starrer “Today’s Special,” a comedy set in New York City, was to open the Mahindra Indo-American Arts Council Film Festival here on Nov. 11 that will have 47 screenings, including 44 premieres of features, documentaries and short films. The fest runs through Nov. 15. Now in its ninth year, the annual festival will also present veteran Shyam Benegal’s comic take on Indian politics, “Well Done Abba,” and Anurag Kashyap’s “Gulaal.”

The festival closes with “Antaheen - The Endless Wait,” starring Sharmila Tagore and Aparna Sen. Another new talent in this year’s selections is Raja Menon, who directed Naseeruddin in his debut



Naseeruddin Shah and Aasif Mandvi in “Today’s Special.”

“Barah Anna.” Other films include Sudhir Mishra’s “Ride On Johnny” and Joseph Mathew-Varghese’s debut venture “Bombay Summer.” Women filmmakers make an impressive showing, such as actress Deepti Naval’s directorial debut, “Two Paise For Sunshine, Four Annas for Rain,” an atmospheric ode to Bollywood musicals with Manisha Koirala in an unusual love affair with a gay man.

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