

The 7th Annual Mahindra Indo-American Arts Council Film Festival (Nov. 07-Nov. 11, 2008)

Feature Film

Short Film

Documentary

27,000 Days
11 Mins; Hindi/ English; U S A; 2007
Cast: Subash Kundanmal,Naila Azad,Anup Sugunan, Jamben Nanthakumar,Michelle Haner,Kavi Raz
Director: Naveen Singh

Alone and on the verge of death, an elderly man writes a final letter to his estranged son. As he puts words to paper, the man's advancing illness forces his mind to confront intense and harrowing moments from his fleeting life. Ultimately, the man's search for respite collides with the existential and the spiritual, as he awakens to his final epiphany.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM

AIDS JaaGO (USA)
80 Mins; Hindi, Malayalam, English - English Subtitles; India; 2007
Cast: Shinye Ahuj, Raima Sen, Sameera Reddy, Irrfan Khan, Siddhartha, Pankaj Kapoor, Ayesha Takia, Shabana Azmi, Prabhudeva, Boman Irani
Directors: Mira Nair, Vishal Bhardwaj, Santosh Sivan, and Farhan Akhtar

Under the auspices of Mirabai Films and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the AIDS Jaago Project presents four short dramatic films by cutting-edge Indian directors that aim to dismantle myths and misconceptions about HIV/AIDS. Each film uses top Indian movie stars to maximize the exposure of the films to audiences throughout India.

AMC Loews 19th-Sun. 2:30 PM/Newport Mall-Fri. 8:30 PM

The Ant and The Monkey (NYC)
20 Mins; Hindi,English – English Subtitles; U S A; 2007
Cast: Tushar Raghuram,Shana Raghuram,Shreelata, Suresh,Reid Gunion
Director: Alka Raghuram

Tired of her brother Pranav's macho swagger, little Tamara dares him to climb a rickety old fence. When he comes crashing down the fence; so does her own world, for what seems like an eternity. The Ant and The Monkey is about how the children, cope with the accident.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 8:30PM/Newport Mall-Fri. 6:00PM

Antaral (NYC)
18 Mins; Hindi- English Subtitles; 2005
Cast: Ashwini Deo, Aditi Deo, Kuheli Das
Director: Ashish Avikunthak

Three women reminisce about their times at school and rekindle and affirm old friendships. They share a strange secret about each other that is never made known to us. The film is a cinematic interpretation of Samuel Beckett's 1967 dramaticule, "Come and Go"

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 8:30PM

Apna Asmaan (US)
110 Mins; Hindi – English Subtitles; India; 2007
Cast: Irrfan Khan, Shobana, Rajat Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Dhruv Panjwani
Director: Kaushik Roy

An allegorical tale of Ravi, Padmini and their mildly autistic, intellectually handicapped teenage son Buddhi, who is a promising artist. The parents' obsession to make Buddhi a genius, leads them to an experimental drug, which makes him their dream child – only to reveal the dark side that they had not bargained for.

AMC Loews 19th-Sun. 12:30 PM

Aris & the Art of Parkour Bhangra-Fu
12 Mins; USA; 2007
Cast: Zack Roberts, Damon Honeycutt,Victor Paguia
Director: Chrysovalantis Stamelos

Aris and the Art of Parkour Bhangra-Fu tells the story of Aris, who one day, stumbles upon a thief in his apartment. Aris anxiously runs after the thief, only to be lured to competitive territory, where the thief's counterpart, Maimou of the Monkey style, is patiently waiting. Unrelentingly, Aris, also known as the God of War, battles the two foes that put his name to the test.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 8:30PM

Astoria Park
31 Mins; English ; U S A; 2007
Cast: Jose Perez, Christopher Rivera, Paras Chaudhari, Sam Ghosh, Ramfis Myrthil,Curtis Pierre, Manish Dayal, Anam Shahjahan, Ami Sheh, Saira Rao, Damion Martin, Michael Fiore, Mark Katsounis
Director: Chrysovalantis Stamelos and Paras Chaudhari

Aman and his friends thought it was just another day on the basketball court in Astoria, Queens. However, the summer heat brings a group of old enemies their way. Tensions rise in a post 9/11 New York, and the anger between one another escalates into a battle no one saw coming.

AMC Loews 19th Sat. 8:30PM

Chabi Wali Pocket Watch (US)
28 Mins; Hindi/ Urdu – English Subtitles; India; 2006
Cast: Lalit Mohan Tiwari, Jameel Khan, Gayatri Kacharu
Director: Vibhu Puri

Urdu, the Hindustani language whose words resonate music, is fast dying. So is Babba, an old Urdu poet who is dying an unknown death. Babba's state of nonchalance bliss inadvertently drives his daughter Minni into a world of bitter silences. And, across the road lives Pappan, a small-time debt-ridden publisher who is eyeing Babba's treasured verses and his beautiful daughter. Amidst all this, Babba, Minni and Pappan struggle to keep their culture alive, their ethos alive, their language alive, their love alive...in vain...

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 8:30PM

Chandni's Choice
10 min 30 sec; English, Hindi – English Subtitles; 2006
Director: Amie Maciszewki and Ms Mars

Chandni's Choice provides a glimpse of the life and music of Chandni Kumari and her foremothers since 1996. Chandni has just begun college; her future is an unknown. She has grown up with virtually no father figure, watching her mother and grandmother often struggle to support her family with their music. Her mother Aruna has tried to shield her from the reality of sexual exploitation. Can Chandni choose her own path?

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM

Flights 208 (US)
5 Mins; English; India; 2006
Director: Parvez Imam

A fast paced audiovisual experience that reflects upon the pace of life and the death of reasoning around us. A dream, a thought, a cutting monologue (or a multi-logue) ...whatever it is, it takes one through a most unusual flight. The scriptwas written in South America. It was not a planned, premeditated effort but rather a vent to the anger that has been brewing for years as the director experienced more and more inequality throughout the world.

AMC Loews 19th-Thurs. 8:30PM/Newport Mall-Fri. 6:00PM

Fly by Red Shoes (NYC)
7 Mins; India; 2005
Director: Harsha Nagaraju

The myriad consequences of Human fascination with flight and freedom. Man's fascination with flight is perpetual. This has led to glorious achievements and some spectacular failures. But his journey and quest for ideas like accomplishment and freedom continues. Fly by Red Shoes is a tribute to this indomitable spirit of Man, which lends him wings.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 12:30PM

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The Frontier Gandhi: Badshah Khan, a Torch for Peace (NYC)
88 Mins; English, Hindi, Urdu, Pashto, and Dari interviewees - English Subtitles; 2007
Director: Teri McLuhan

20 years in the making, this film is about a Muslim peacemaker, Badshah Khan, who emerges from inconceivable violence of Pashtun warrior culture of N.W. Frontier Province to be pronounced "a miracle" by Mahatma Gandhi. In the heart of violence (Afghan/Pakistan border), Khan creates a 100,000 strong non-violent army of men, women, and youngsters comprised of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Parsees, Sikhs, and Buddhists. Partnered with Gandhi, he frees India and fights for peace for all humanity. Nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize, his story remains unknown and offers a vision of hope for these increasingly troubled times.

AMC Loews19th-Sat. 2:30PM / Newport Mall-Sun. 12:30 PM

Frozen (USA)
110 Mins; Hindi/Ladakhi – English Subtitles; 2007
Director: Shivajee Chandrabhushan

This is a touching and somber journey of Lasya, who lives with her father Karma and younger brother Chomo in a remote village in the Himalayas. Pristine snow capped mountains surround their tiny hamlet and barren harsh land stretches for miles into nowhere. One day the army moves in, settles a hundred yards across their doorstep. The last bit of comfort the family draws from their familiar surroundings changes into a harsh ceaseless irreversible conflict. The film depicts the life of this family whose dream like existence is interrupted by inevitable odds, one after the other.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 8:30PM / Newport Mall-Sat. 8:30 PM

Gandhi My Father
136 Mins, Hindi, India, 2007
Lead Cast: Akshaye Khanna, Bhumika Chawla, Shefali Chhaya, Darshan Jariwala, Daniel Janks
Director: Feroz Abbas Khan

Gandhi has always been compelling, complex and strangely contemporary. Somewhere in the shadows of this great man lived his son, roaming the streets of India like a beggar. Converting to Islam as a rebellion, converting to Hinduism as a penance and finally drinking himself to death. Mahatma Gandhi could transform the soul of a nation but could not save the soul of his own son. This is a film about a principled father and an unfortunate son.

AMC Loews-Sat. 6pm / Newport Mall-Sun. 6PM

Gearing Up: The Fire Within
68 Mins; Hindi, English - No; Hong Kong,India; 2007
Director: Sheetal S. Agarwal

Gearing Up: the Fire Within explores the life of a fourteen year old who lives 1500 miles from home to pursue his dream of playing cricket for India; it also examines the desires and motivations of the Indian youth as they prepare themselves for the global stage.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 8:30PM

Grahanam (The Eclipse)
93 Mins; Telugu – English Subtitles; India; 2004
Cast: Tanikella Bharani, Jayalalitha, Surya, Goparaju Raman
Director: Mohan Krishna Indraganti

Raghu, a middle-aged doctor, finds an old woman being insulted by a patient in his hospital. The woman claims the patient to be her son. Raghu recognizes her and is disturbed, much to the surprise of his friend/colleague, Srinivas. Upon Srinivas's insistence, Raghu narrates the story of that woman..

AMC Loews 19th-Sun. 12:30PM

The Great Indian Butterfly
92 Min, English India/World 2007
Cast: Aamir Bashir, Sandhya Mridul, Koel Purie, Barry John
Director: Sarthak DasGupta

Unable to come to terms with the sacrifices required for success, a young urban couple takes a trip in search of a mystical butterfly. It brings peace, love, luck and happiness, if found. Can they survive the journey? Or is it a futile hunt for an answer to their to their crumbling lives? A simple tale in the complex miasma of a changing India.

AMC Loews 19th-Sun. 6:00PM

The Guitar (US)
5 Mins; English - No; United Kingdom; 2006
Cast: James Macartney,Helena Harpham
Director: Adil Akram

A father grieves at the death of his wife and cannot find a way to reconnect to his daughter...until he visits his wife's graveside.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 12:30PM

Guroor (World)
43 Mins; Hindi - Yes; India/USA; 2007
Cast: Karuna Parikh, Nayanntara parikh, Sabaazad, Abhijeet Dutta, Karam Puri
Director: Ishaan Nair

Once upon a time in a village in India, there was a stonewalled house; with fine silks over heavy mirrors in locked rooms. Beneath the dust and grime, two girls found their solace and one, her grief. When Ketki, the eldest of Bangji's daughters is shunned by her father, she vows to take revenge. The one to blame, she believes is her youngest sister Devaki who is their father's favourite, who is intelligent and devout is on the cusp of adolescence and threatens to become more beautiful than any of the sisters.In order to access the private world Devaki lives in, Ketki employs the assistance of the unsuspecting middle sister Pratigya. Using her weakest points - her lack of confidence and later her love for Ketki's own ex-lover Ashfaak. Ketki manages to weave a web of lies and black magic within which the three sisters become increasingly entangled.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 6:00pm / Newport Mall-Sat. 12:30PM

Hearts Suspended (World)
27 Mins; English; USA; 2007
Director: Meghna Damani

Hearts Suspended traces the filmmaker's personal journey as she reveals how educated South Asian immigrant women struggle with depression, loss of self-identity, strained marital relations and other issues in the US on H4 (dependent spouse) visas, which deny them work-authorization. Through turmoil emerge spiritual strength, resolve and hope for change.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM / Newport Mall-Thur. 6:00PM

India Untouched - Stories of a People Apart (US)
110 Mins; Gujarati,Hindi,Punjabi,Tamil,English,Bhojpuri, Telugu – English Subtitles; India; 2007
Director: Stalin K

This film will make it impossible for anyone in India to deny that untouchability is still practiced today. It is perhaps the most comprehensive look at caste oppression ever undertaken on film. This feature-length documentary exposes untouchability in 8 states and across 4 religions. Director spent 4 years traveling the length and breadth of the country to bear witness to the continued exclusion of Dalits, who bear the weight of a 4000 year-old religious system. From Manu to matrimonial columns, from the campus of JNU to medieval villages just outside our metropolises.

AMC Loews 19th- Sat. 12:30PM

Inside the Kalari (US)
20 Mins; English; India; 2007
Director: Ian McDonald

Inside the Kalari is a lyrical and atmospheric portrayal of Kalarippayattu filmed in a traditional Kalari located in Thiruvananthapuram. Set against Keralaite music and beats, it focuses on the aestheticised movements of the practitioner's bodies as they progress through the various levels of training and practice, to capture the aura and essence of kalarippayattu through the day-to-day-ness of its existence.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 8:30PM

Jatra
6 min USA; Hindi / Marathi (Subtitles In English) 2007
Director: Junaid Memon

This is an informative documentary based on a cultural event called 'Jatra' which takes place in various villages in the state of Maharashtra in India. The event includes a section where people still see films through touring cinemas. It is an amazing experience to see the way people enjoy cinema. The director has captured some good moments from the life of the operator of touring talkies - their own daily routines & the threat from piracy which is reaching even remote places where they don't even have proper cinema theaters.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 8:30PM

Kali Ma
14 Mins; Hindi, English; USA; 2006
Cast: Kamini Khanna, Brendan Bradley, Manish Dayal
Director: Soman Chainani

When a suburban mother finds out her son is the victim of a vicious bully, she delivers her own brand of vigilante justice.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 6:00PM/Newport Mall-Sat. 12:30PM

Khayal Darpan: A Mirror of Imagination
100 Mins; Hindi,Urdu,English; India; 2006
Cast: Fateh Ali Khan, Ghulam Hasan Shaggan, Naseeruddin Sami, Badruzzaman, Sharafat Ali, Sarah Zaman, Raza Kazim, Sarwat Ali.
Director: Yousuf Saeed

Delhi-based filmmaker Yousuf Saeed spent 6 months in Pakistan in 2005, interviewing musicians and scholars, attending music concerts, and observing the teaching of classical music in various institutions, culminating his work in this musical documentary film, featuring some well-known as well as many lesser known but talented musicians of Pakistan.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM

London Bridge is Falling Down (World)
28 Mins; English; India; 2007
Cast: Tinti, Aishee
Director: Jagannathan Krishnan

If you fall with a thud you become a thudani. This punchline is the first among the many thoughts both ridiculous and sublime that our hero has as he prepares to hit the ground during a long fall. I'm at a bar. I hear about this guy who went to a party at a high rise. He spots a girl, goes up to her, tries to get comfortable beside her. I fictionally reconstruct his life which flashes past his eyes as he takes a fall.

AMC Loews 19th- Sat. 6:00PM / Newport Mall: Thur. 8:30PM

Losing Ahmad
68 Mins; Arabic –English Subtitles; Kuwait;
Director: Abdullah Boushahri

Losing Ahmad, captures the story of Ahmad Sharif, a seven year-old from Baghdad, who lost his sight and right arm after an American bomb exploded on his way home from school one day. A group of four Americans traveled to the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border to pick up Ahmad and escort him to New York for medical care in the hope that he would one day be able to see again. On the way to the US, however, everything changed.

AMC Loews 19th Thur. 6:00PM / Newport Mall Sat. 12:30PM

Love Story (NYC)
13 Mins; English; United Kingdom; 2007
Cast: Anthony Green, Shelley Conn, Alan McKenna, Echo Phillips and Colin Salmon
Director: Amit Gupta

What would you do for the woman you love? A young girl asks her father 'Why do you love Mummy?' As the man considers his daughter's question, memories of how he came to meet his wife reveal something unexpected about the story of their relationship.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 6:00PM/Newport Mall-Sat. 12:30PM

Make UPS
9 Mins; India
Director: Jehangir Jani

This short film is about people living an alternate lifestyle in the city of Mumbai. The three characters are in a way rejects of society in terms of their desires. They are involved in search of their utopias even though they lead mundane lives. The three protagonists are a gay typist from a middle class family, a prostitute of an ordinary level and an ageing actress who is afflicted by paranoia and has no one to turn to.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur. 8:30PM / Newport Mall-Sat. 2:30PM

Manasarovar (NYC)
90 Mins; English; India; 2004
Cast: Atul Kulkarni, Neha Dubey, Zafar Karachiwala
Director: Anup Kurian

This is about 2 brothers who meet the same woman a few years apart and the changes that happen to them. Ravi Roy meets Malathy Chandran in a city in India on a short visit. A few years later Ravi's brother, George happens to meet Malathy. She learns from him that Ravi had disappeared and her past comes back through the letters they wrote to each other.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur.8:30PM/Newport Mall-Fri. 6:00PM

Manorama Six Feet Under (World)
140 Mins; Hindi – English Subtitles; India; 2007
Cast: Abhay Deol, Sarika, Raima Sen, Gul Panag, Kulbhushan Kharbanda
Director: Navdeep Singh

A homage to the noir genre, Manorama is about an amateur detective in a small town who finds himself caught in a web of lies, deceit, and murder. Nothing is what it seems and redemption doesn't come easy.

AMC Loews 19th- Saturday 8:30PM

Missed Call (NYC)
105 Mins; English, Hindi - Yes; India; 2005
Cast: Ankur Vikal, Heeba Shah, Ram Kapoor, Tinu Anand
Director: Mridul Tooldsiss, Vinay Subramanian

Aspiring filmmaker Gaurav Sengupta lives his life through the viewfinder of his camcorder. He struggles to juggle social and familial demands with his passion for filmmaking. When he finds love in Gayatri, and the camera begins to threaten his future with her, he must decide whether to let go or to continue telling his story.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 6:00PM/Newport Mall-Thur. 8:30PM

Partition (NYC)
English, USA, 2007
Cast:Jimi Mistry, Kristin Kreuk, Neve Campbell, Irrfan Khan, John Light
Director: Vic Sarin

38 year old Gian Singh resigns from the British Indian Army to a quiet life. When he suddenly finds himself responsible for the life of a 17 year old girl, traumatized by the events that separated her from her family. Slowly, Gian finds himself falling in love with the vulnerable Naseem. In a moving and epic story, woven into a rich and exotic tapestry, they battle the forces that haunt their innocent love, fighting the odds to survive in a world surrounded by hate.

AMC Loews 19th–Sun. 2:30PM

Peace Tree
47 Mins, English, 2005
Cast List: Aishwariya Haran, Sonika Ramachandran, Jacoba Barber-Rozema
Director: Mitra Sen

The Peace Tree tells the story of two little girls, one Muslim and one Christian, who dream of celebrating each other's festivals, Christmas and Eid. But when they share their dreams, they are met with resistance from their parents who express their concerns. Through their struggles, they create a unique symbol – The Peace Tree, a tree that highlights the symbols from all our cultures and faiths to reflect the beauty of 'diversity in unity'.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 12:30PM

Pot of Gold (NYC)
5 Mins; India; 2006
Director: Dipa Dondre and Nitin Dondre

Pot of Gold has been adapted from a tale from the Warli tribe of Maharashtra, India. It has been drawn and animated in the Warli folk art form, which is 3000 years old and is still practised in the villages of Maharashtra. In a Warli tribal village, there lived a couple. The man was a painter and his wife did all the household chores. She was frustrated by his lack of support in her work and nagged him constantly. His only reply was, "God will provide". The tale tells the story of what happens when they find a pot of gold.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 12:30PM

4 PSA by Nandita Das Rainwater Harvesting, Roll Call, Learning is Child's Play 1 and 2
1 Min each; Hindi; India;
Director: Nandita Das

Indian actress Nandita Das is known for her critically acclaimed performances in the films Fire, Earth (both by Deepa Mehta), Bawander (by Jagmohan Mundhra) and Amar Bhuvan (by Minal Sen). She has performed in over 25 feature films. She won the Best Actress award for her performance in the film Bawander at the Santa Monica Film Festival (2001). She also won the Best Actress award for performance in Amar Bhuvan at the Cairo Film Festival (2002). In May 2005 Das served as a Member of the Jury at the Cannes Film Festival.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM/Newport Mall-Fri. 8:30PM

Salim Baba
15 Mins; Bengali – English Subtitles; USA; 2007
Director: Timothy Sternberg

Salim Muhammad is a 55 year old man who lives in North Kolkata with his wife and five children. Since the age of ten, he has made a living screening discarded film scraps for the kids in his surrounding neighborhoods using a hand cranked projector that he inherited from his father. A pragmatic businessman as well as a cinephile, Salim runs his projector with his sons in the hope that they will carry on his legacy of showing films to the local children.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 6:00PM

Shanu Taxi
15 Mins; English; India; 2006
Cast: Vikas Kumar, Neel Bhattacharya, Rajesh Balwani, Rakesh Maudgal, Pramathesh, Takesh Singh, Zul Vellani
Director: Vasant Nath

An honest Mumbai taxi driver looks to make the most of a cell phone rewarded to him by a customer, setting off on a path to achieve his dreams that extend well beyond the city's traffic.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 2:30PM/Newport Mall-Sun. 2:30PM

The Son Also Rises
9 Mins; English Subtitles,2007
Director: Deepak Chetty

Meditation on the conflict between nature and industry in the second and third world. Shot on location in Kerala, India, the film follows the thoughts of an elderly man who stands on the edge of the ocean, looking out across the horizon towards an uncertain future. The film is a visual poem of an evolving nation, a nation whose roots are rife with a symbiotic connection to the Earth, yet at the same time finds itself in the midst of an industrial and technological revolution brought on by an exploding middle class.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM

Sita Sings the Blues: Agni Pariskha (World)
3 Mins; None; USA; 2007
Cast: Reena Shah
Director: Nina Paley

An expressionistic animated fantasy from Nina Paley's upcoming feature, "Sita Sings the Blues". Sita immolates herself for love and encounters the divine in this expressionistic animated fantasy from Nina Paley's upcoming feature, "Sita Sings the Blues."

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 12:30PM

Speaking Tree (World)
70 Mins; Gujarati, Kutchi – English Subtitles; India/France; 2007
Cast: Deva Raja Rabari, Sonibai Deva Rabari, Sura Raja Rabari, Sonibai
Director: Natasha de Betak

An unusual destiny of man named Deva who lost his mind while grazing camels in the desert of northwestern India. He was tied to the only tree in his village for years. Deva's wife left him, meanwhile his mother looked after him. Till one day, a massive earthquake erased the region. The disaster killed thousands and made millions homeless but Deva found his mind, his sanity, and his life -again. Today Deva stands at the crossroad -which world to choose that of sane people or that of insane.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 6:00PM

Still in Transit
51 Mins; Spanish,Portuguese,English; India/U S A; 2006
Lead Cast: Abhi Tambe,Steve Clack
Director: Steve Clack

Still in Transit' is a documentary feature about travel, transition, cross-cultural friendship, and musical harmony. The two main characters, Abhi (an Indian national) and Steve (an American), are friends who are trying to figure out what they want to do with the next phase of their lives. Both musicians and travelers at heart, they embark on a songwriting world tour, which takes them from the US, through Latin America, and on to Europe, and India. As they write and record songs describing their inner and outer worlds, local musicians in each country visited add improvised layers... a process which gives their work, and their lives, new direction and wholeness.

AMC Loews-Fri. 6:00PM

The Trident (NYC)
51 Mins; English; USA; 2007
Cast: Aalok Mehta, David Carradine, Anup Sugunan, Anisha Nagarajan, Sandra Teles
Director: Anurag Mehta

To raise the ransom needed to free his kidnapped wife, Arjun (Aalok Mehta) takes their family jewelry to a Pawnshop. With the help of an ancient Indian Trident and a healthy dose of Hindu spirituality, the mysterious and wise Shopkeeper helps Arjun discover his inner warrior.

AMC Loews 19th-Thur 6:00PM/Newport Mall-Sat.12:30PM

Unfinished
18 Mins; English; USA
Cast: Reena Dutt (Raju), Haskell Vaughn Anderson III (Lee)
Director: Arun Vir

Upon returning home with her mother's ashes, Raju Dhillon, a young Indian American woman faces unanswered questions about her past and her identity. A request in her mother's will to return her ashes to her native homeland -- India, sets off a chain of events which presents Raju with a choice. To remain in her isolated world, or, open her heart to a father she never knew and take a journey that could transform them both forever.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30PM / Newport Mall-Thur.6:00PM

Valley of Flowers (NYC)
155 Mins; Hindi – English Subtitles; USA; 2006
Cast: Milind Soman, Mylene Jampani, Naseeruddin Shah
Director: Pan Nalin

An unforgettable tale about passion, death and reincarnation. A mesmerizing Himalayan epic that spans two centuries, from the Silk Route of the early 19th century to the bustling metropolis of modern-day Tokyo. In the Himalayas, intrepid Jalan and his gang earn their living by stealing. All is routine until the arrival of the mystifying Ushna, she adheres to Jalan. Sensing the unsettlement of the gang, Ushna offers to help them in their endeavours. She leads the gang to tremendous exploits, gaining their respect, admiration of Jalan, who falls passionately in love with Ushna. No longer heeding of the world around them, they venture too far in their exploits; like stealing energy, luck and the powers of levitation... But life always reserves surprises.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 6:00PM/Newport Mall-Sat. 6:00PM

Via Darjeeling (USA)
104 Mins; Hindi – English Subtitles; India; 2007
Cast: Kay Kay Menon, Sonali Kulkarni, Parvin Dabas, Vinay Pathak, Rajat Kapoor, Simone Singh, Sandhya Mridul and Proshant Narayanan.
Director: Arindam Nandy

A labyrinth of relationships. A tributary of tales. The 'oral tradition' rediscovered in a trip via Darjeeling. A couple on their honeymoon is about to return to the city. On the last day, one of them disappears. The mystery returns to Calcutta one night...via Darjeeling. Faces are unmasked. New discoveries made.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 8:30pm/Newport Mall-Thur. 6:00pm

The Voyeurs (USA)
Ami, Yasin Ar Amar Madhubala
115 Mins; Bengali – English Subtitles; India; 2007
Cast: Amitav Bhattacharya, Prosenjit Chatterjee, Sameera Reddy
Director: Buddhadeb Dasgupta

Gentle pic involves a computer geek, his hick buddy and an aspiring dancer-thesp in a rich human comedy-turned-tragedy that deals with issues including high-tech abuse, AIDS and terrorism.

AMC Loews 19th-Sat. 2:30PM/Newport Mall-Sun. 2:30PM

Writings on the Wall (World)
24 Mins; Hindi, Tamil, English – English Subtitles; Canada/ India; 2007
Director: Angad Bhalla

A journey beyond the surface of vibrant images that cover India's walls to the intimate aspirations of three young men surviving in the countries biggest cities.

AMC Loews 19th-Fri. 6:00PM