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Now open for submissions!

London 2nd Bengali Film Festival

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The 2nd London Bengali Film Festival (LBFF) is now **open for submissions**!

LBFF is an annual celebration of films from or about the Bengali Diaspora. The **four day** festival will be held in London theatres with special guests and talks, inviting audiences from all walks of life.

"Mainstream films have a global audience, but global stories also need to be seen by the mainstream audience. The London Bengali Film Festival does exactly that."

Munsur Ali - Founder and CEO, LBFF.

Expected to take place between the 13th and 16th of April 2017, to coincide with the **Bengali New Year** (14th April), with films aimed at audiences looking for alternative artistic cinema, telling unique and untold stories or stories re-told from another point of view. Our goal is to get these films to the mainstream audience and on to the international platform, while also to bring the rich artistic historical and modern culture of Bengal and Bengali experiences to the big screen.

An international team made up of individuals, organisations and film personalities will be on board to facilitate and support the festival, from the UK, to India, Bangladesh and beyond. This will include film makers, critics and distributors. LBFF welcome films that are commercial and non commercial, independent and artistic.

It's easy to submit. Simply log onto www.lbff.co.uk and films do not have to be in the Bengali language, but must have English subtitles. They must also include at least one of the following:

1. Writer or Director or Producer must be Bengali or have a Bengali heritage (any nationality) **OR**
2. The main character must be Bengali **OR**
3. The story must be set or be about Bengal or an issue affecting the Bengali Diaspora

Munsur Ali, the founder of the London Bengali Film Festival (LBFF) is a British Bangladeshi film maker and also the CEO of the Limelight Film Awards (running for 9 years), who has been working in film and media for over 10 years.

Final Deadline is on the 31st of January 2017 via FilmFreeway.

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For more up to date information please visit our website www.lbff.co.uk
Email: contact@lbff.co.uk

NOTES
The selected films for year one were:

'Her Own Address' (Sutopar Thikana)
Directed by Proshoon Rahmaan
(Bangladesh)

Winner of the 1st London Bengali Film Festival **'Audience Choice Award.'**



'Runaway' (Udhao)
Directed by Amit Ashraf (Bangladesh)

'Family Album'
Directed by Mainak Bhaumik (India)

'A Ray of Light' (Ek Phaali Rodh)
Directed by Atanu Ghosh (India)

'The Poisoning Sap' (Brihonnola)
Directed by Murad Parvez (Bangladesh)