

Press Release

Awards at the Twilight 07

The curtain came down today on the three – day festival of Indian Short films Twilight 07. In the competitive section ' Lemon Yellow Afternoons' was a clear winner with awards in three categories. Directed by Monisha R Baldawa, a student of Film and Television Institute of Pune, the film won awards for the Best Film – fiction, Best Sound and Best Camera Work.

The film depicts the relationship between a lonely old woman and a restless child in a simplistic manner.

Twilight 07 was organized by Sri Aurobindo Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi - a unit of the world famous Aurobindo Society of Pondicherry. A total of nearly 50 short films in two categories – the open and the competitive were screened from January 3 –5 at India International Centre and Alliance Francaise.

Giving away the awards, the chairman of the jury, Mr K Bikram Singh eminent film jurist said that the job of the jury was quite challenging. " I was not prepared to come across such a good crops of films", he said. He advised the students to let their imagination fly and " you will make a good film".

Pointing out two areas that disappointed him, Bikran Singh said that he would have liked to see more animation films in the festival. " Animation in short film still hasn't arrived" he commented. Mobile films, he felt was a little premature.

The other categories in which awards were given were: Best Editing: 'Mid Shot' by Rambhul Singh of Rai University, Delhi; Best Script: 'Road to America' by Alope Shetty of National Institute of Design, Ahemedabad; Best Screenplay: 'Montage – My Love' by R Premnath of L V Prasad Film and TV Academy, Chennai; Best Animation: 'Fly by Red Shoes' by Harsha Nagaraju of National Institute of Design, Ahemedabad; Best Film - Documentary: 'Road to America' by Alope Shetty of National Institute of Design, Ahemedabad.

The festival, which was aimed at students and young filmmakers, saw 100 entries in the competitive section from students from across the country. Out of this, 30 were selected by a selection committee made up of ex - film students and young filmmakers for the jury to judge.

The jury chaired by eminent film jurist K. Bikram Singh comprised of Deepa Gahlot (film critic), Kunal Jhaveri (Co-founder of Short Circuit), Siddhrath Srinivasan (filmmaker) and K. Karthikeyan (Camera man and famous International Line Producer).

The award winners were given a trophy and a certificate.

'Printed Rainbow' an award winning film at Cannes 2006 and directed by Gitanjali Rao was the closing film of the festival.
