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Images - IFFM 2024

This year's **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne** dates have been announced, so be sure to put it in your diaries and watch out for updates on social media. **IFFM 2024** will open on **15 Aug 2024**, and will feature all the festival favourites including the Indian Independence Day Celebrations (flag hoisting), IFFM Awards night, IFFM Dance Competition and IFFM Closing Night. The Festival has announced a new initiative called **IFFM Baari**, which means 'House' in Bengali. It will be an inclusive space for founders and leaders from diverse creative industries to engage with emerging creative voices, especially from the South Asian communities. The IFFM Baari will be a hub to support, empower and grow exciting and diverse creative narratives, with a variety of events, including a keynote speaker, panel discussions, networking events and comedy.

Bhowmick Lange AM said - *"IFFM Baari is a very positive step towards creating a home for the creative minds in the entertainment industry, especially from more marginalised communities. It opens doors for collaboration, propelling Indian cinema into the Australian market and reinforcing the deep cultural ties between the two nations. As we celebrate 15 years of IFFM as a groundbreaking festival, Baari marks a new chapter in our journey."*



Indian Film Festival of
MELBOURNE

**ENTRIES FOR
IFFM 2024
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LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: MAY 31, 2024

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Premiering this year is *My Melbourne*. It'll be set in Melbourne with a local cast and crew, mentored by four of the world's best film-makers – Rima Das, Kabir Khan, Imtiaz and Onir. *My Melbourne* is a ground-breaking format with four relevant and timely stories celebrating diversity with new films celebrating the LGBTQAI+ community, disability, race and gender. Working with the motto *"a film with you, about you, and for you"* the film series aims to authentically reflect the lived experiences and heartfelt stories of the community, drawing inspiration directly from their unique narratives. *My Melbourne* is a collaboration with Vic Screen and Screen Australia.

Indian actress Shabana Azmi was given the IFFM Excellence Award. Renowned for her powerful and versatile performances, IFFM has launched the **Shabana Special** on its streaming platform which can be viewed for free Australia-wide. Six of Azmi's classic films will be screened for free, with an option to donate to the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. [See here for the Shabana Azmi Retrospective](#), along with **IFFM's Classic Corner**. All classics are free to watch on the IFFM Streaming Platform so you can immerse yourself in

Indian cinema's 'golden age'. Until the 2024 lineup comes around, satisfy yourself with [IFFM365's year-round program of films](#). It's online, on-demand, and, made in local and regional Indian languages. Available all over Australia, it's free, with no subscription fees.

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Sun 25 Aug



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