



Presents

GUNYO CHOLO: THE DRESS

“A journey of identity, courage, and love — uniting the world.”

Genre: *Drama / Family*

SHORT SYNOPSIS

The only male descendant, Dev (Najir Husen) of a patriarchal retired Army General is grooming his son for a career in the military. As a young boy, Dev is faced with internal struggles trying to identify who he is and where he belongs in this world. Furious and deeply ashamed, his austere father discovers his son's struggle and strongly opposes his desires. Eventually he is cast away from the family's small village in Nepal, where Dev embarks on the unknown in the chaotic but lively city of Kathmandu. Dev discovers an entire new life of struggles and new desires in becoming Gulabi, leading a life of dancing and prostitution. (*Gunyo Cholo* is a traditional dress worn by girls in the Nepali culture that marks the 'coming of age'.)



HAUNTING, BEAUTIFUL, RAW
AND DEEPLY MOVING

OFM
OUT FRONT Magazine



MOONLIGHT *meets* **JOYLAND**





SAMUNDRA BHATTA

DIRECTOR/WRITER

Samundra is one of the country's renowned female Nepali Film Directors, and for the first time in history, is bringing Nepali's first coming-of-age Transgender Narrative Film 'Gunyo Cholo' (The Dress) to a worldwide audience. Top Nepali actors, including Najir Husen, Sanchita Luitel, and Bishal Pahari, have joined the cast of the country's contentious yet highly anticipated first transgender subject feature film. This is Samundra's third film, following 'Ringroad' (2013) and 'Aadhapage' (2015). Samundra is the Treasurer of the Film Director's Guild in Nepal.

G U N Y O C H O L O
T H E D R E S S

EXECUTIVE STATEMENT

GUNYO CHOLO: THE DRESS, completed in 2025 with a runtime of 2 hours and 7 minutes (w/credits) is a powerful and visually stunning feature film that captures the emotional and cultural depths of Nepal through a story of identity, love, and transformation. Set against the breathtaking landscapes of the Nepal region, the film blends authentic local storytelling with world-class cinematic artistry.

Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Rithy Panh as executive producer, the film unites an exceptional team of Nepal's leading talent, including acclaimed actor **Najir Husen** in a deeply moving lead performance. Supported by some of the most respected actors in Nepal, the ensemble delivers an unforgettable portrayal of a society in transition — balancing tradition, modernity, and personal freedom.

The film's emotional power is elevated by an evocative original score featuring the hauntingly beautiful voice of **Golden Globe winner Lisa Gerrard** (*Gladiator*, *Whale Rider*). Her music intertwines seamlessly with the narrative, amplifying the film's themes of resilience, beauty, and the human spirit.

With its **stunning cinematography** showcasing the dramatic mountains, villages, and sacred spaces of Nepal, *Gunyo Cholo: The Dress* offers audiences a rare cinematic journey — intimate yet universal in its impact. Celebrated by critics and audiences alike for its artistry and emotional depth, the film stands as one of Nepal's most ambitious and internationally resonant productions to date.



Nepal
**Academy
Award
Submission
Finalist**

GUNYO CHOLO

THE DRESS

a SAMUNDRA BHATTA film

NAJIR HUSEN SANCHITA LUITEL BISHAL PAHARI SUSHIL SITAULA AND ANUPAM SHRESTHA
CASTING BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA MUSIC BY MARCELLO DE FRANSISCI VOCALS BY LISA GERRARD
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AALOK SUKLA COSTUME DESIGNER INTA SHRESTHA EDITOR MICHAEL HERING PRODUCTION DESIGNER VIJAY BASHYAL
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER JEFFREY J. WAINE STEVEN JOHNSTON CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ANUSONE ZANUBON STEPHEN REPLIN SHANE PITTS PAVIS ZANUBON
PRODUCERS AAKASH BUDHATHOKI, p.g.a. V.VANSAY ZANUBON, p.g.a. STORY BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA NAJIR HUSEN V.VANSAY ZANUBON
ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA NAJIR HUSEN ASSOCIATE PRODUCER ANUPAM SHRESTHA
DIRECTED BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA
©2024 Gunyo Cholo LLC



©2024 Gunyo Cholo LLC

Gunyocholomovie.com

SOUNDTRACK AVAILABLE THROUGH AIR-EDL RECORDS

In Association With
Anupheap Production
Sky Ocean Entertainment
Vzion Entertainment

Director
Samundra Bhatta

Producers
Aakash Budhathoki, p.g.a.
V. Vansay Zanubon, p.g.a.

Executive Producers
Rithy Panh
Jeffrey J. Wayne
Steven Johnston

Distributors
Apple Entertainment (Nepal)
Abnormal Studios (Cambodia)

GunyoCholoMovie.com

SabsungStudios.com



Cast

Dev / Gulabi
Najir Husen

Savitri
Sanchita Luitel

Kul
Bishal Pahari

Sital
Anupam Shrestha

Indra
Sushil Sitaula

Rahul
Rajkumar Ghos

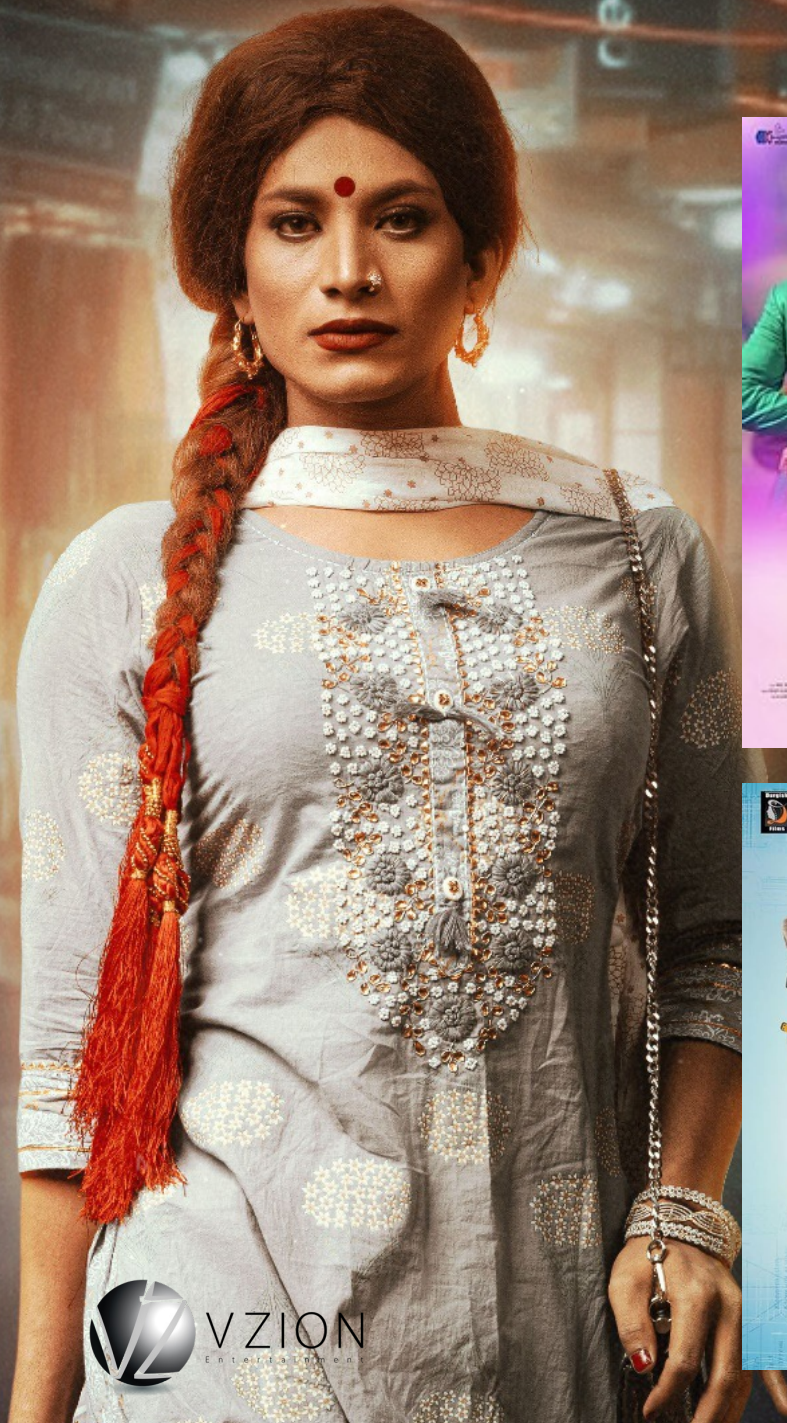
Dhane
Ip Acharya

Kanchi
Nisha Bajhgain

NAJIR HUSEN



Najir Husen, is one of the top Nepalese film actor, known for his work in the Nepalese entertainment industry. One of the most critically acclaimed actors in Nepal, Husen began his career in acting at the Mandala Theater, Nepal. He received fame for his role in Hostel Returns^[5] as Rameshwor Yadav and Bikram in Bir Bikram 2. His movies reaches tens of million of views on YouTube and some of his music video are approaching 100 million views. Najir Husen performance in his latest film Gunyo Cholo: A Girl Coming of Age Story has been praised by industry professional globally.



News and Markets

PIONEERING TRANSGENDER FEATURE FILM 'GUNYO CHOLO: COMING OF AGE OF A GIRL' IN NEPAL UNVEILS ITS STAR-STUDDED CAST

Troy Anderson June 24, 2023 No Comments 0 like



NEPAL'S TOP TALENT JOIN HANDS FOR A GROUNDBREAKING FILM

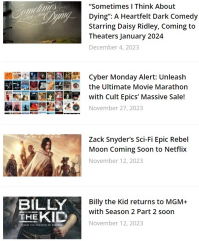
Nepal's film industry is embarking on an audacious journey with the production of its first-ever transgender-focused feature film, 'Gunyo Cholo: Coming of Age of a Girl.' The film has drawn together some of the country's most acclaimed actors, including Najir Husen, Sanchita Luitel, and Bishal Pahari. Najir Husen, one of the country's leading actors, steps into the shoes of the protagonist, Gulabi, in this much-anticipated movie.

Gulabi, born into a traditional, patriarchal family, is the only son of a retired Army General. As he grapples with his identity in his early years, Gulabi finds himself at odds with his father's expectations of pursuing a military career. The revelation of Gulabi's desire to transition into a transgender woman incites a furious reaction from his traditional father, leading to his expulsion from his family and village. To survive, Gulabi reluctantly embraces a life of dancing and prostitution in Nepal's capital city.

RECENT REVIEWS



RECENT POSTS



THE MOVIE ELITE

HOME NEWS FEATURES INTERVIEWS REVIEWS TRAILERS CONTESTS CONTACT US



Nepal's First Transgender Narrative Film "GUNYO CHOLO: COMING OF AGE OF A GIRL," Now in Post

NEPALI FILM PRODUCTION COMPANY, "THE SKY OCEAN ENTERTAINMENT" IS EXCITED IN BRINGING NEPAL'S FIRST

AVAILABLE ON AMAZON



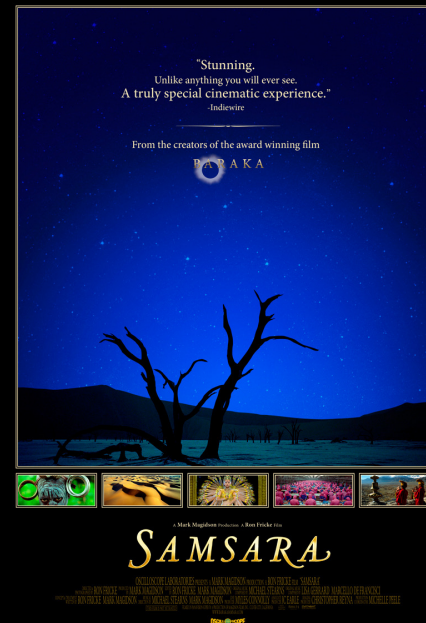


The Music

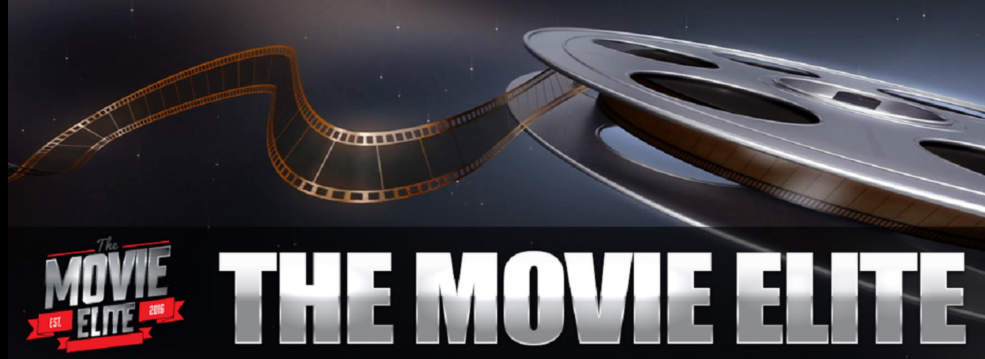
(Gladiator meets Bollywood sound)

Music Composed & Produced by
MARCELLO DE FRANCISI

Vocals by:
LISA GERRARD



Film Reviews



Click to view [Article...](#)



Click to view [Article...](#)



Click to view [Article...](#)



Click to view [Article...](#)

★★★★★
HAUNTING, BEAUTIFUL, RAW AND DEEPLY MOVING
OFM

FROM ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE & GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATED PRODUCER

RITHY PANNH

AND EMMY AWARD NOMINEE & GOLDEN GLOBE WINNING VOCALIST

LISA GERRARD

GUNYO CHOLO

THE DRESS

a SAMUNDRA BHATTA film

NAJIR HUSEN SANCHITA LUITEL BISHAL PAHARI SUSHIL SITAULA AND ANUPAM SHRESTHA

CASTING BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA MUSIC BY MARCELLO DE FRANSISCI VOCALS BY LISA GERRARD

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AALOK SUKLA COSTUME DESIGNER INTA SHRESTHA EDITOR MICHAEL HERING PRODUCTION DESIGNER VIJAY BASHYAL

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS RITHY PANNH JEFFREY J. WAINE STEVEN JOHNSTON CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ANUSONE ZANUBON STEPHEN REPLIN SHANE PITTS PAVIS ZANUBON

PRODUCERS AAKASH BUDHATHOKI p.g.a. V.VANSAY ZANUBON p.g.a. STORY BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA NAJIR HUSEN V.VANSAY ZANUBON

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA NAJIR HUSEN ASSOCIATE PRODUCER ANUPAM SHRESTHA

DIRECTED BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA

©2025 Gunyo Cholo LLC

IN CINEMAS भद्रे १३ | 29TH AUG, 2025



SOUNDTRACK AVAILABLE THROUGH AIR-EDL RECORDS

Country of Origin

Nepal

Language

Nepali

Sub-Titles

English (optional)

Format (Master)

Apple ProRes 4444

Aspect Ratio

2.39:1 (Cinemascope)

Frame Rate

24 fps

Sound

5.1 Surround Mix & Stereo Mix

DCP

4K IOP Scope DCP

Color

4K DCI

Executive Summary

GUNYO CHOLO: THE DRESS opened theatrically in Nepal on **August 29, 2025**, to **overwhelming acclaim from both audiences and critics**, who praised its emotional depth, powerful performances, and breathtaking cinematography. The film quickly became a cultural talking point, drawing strong word-of-mouth and national media attention for its artistry and authenticity.

However, due to **internal unrest and social instability within Nepal**, the film and entire industry along with most businesses came to an immediate standstill, after only 11 days in theaters.

Recognizing the film's artistic strength and growing international interest, the producers are now **reopening and expanding distribution to other key markets worldwide** to sustain its momentum and reach global audiences. With its **Golden Globe winner Lisa Gerrard's** stunning performance, **Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Rithy Panh's** support as executive producer, and **starring Nepal's leading actor Najir Husen, Gunyo Cholo: The Dress** continues to stand as a landmark work — a bold, emotionally resonant story that bridges Nepalese heritage and universal human themes.



Steven Johnston
(CEO / Producer)
(720) 979-1802

Steven@SabsungStudios.com

GunyoCholoMovie.com

SabsungStudios.com

