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GUNYO CHOLO: THE DRESS

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

GENRE

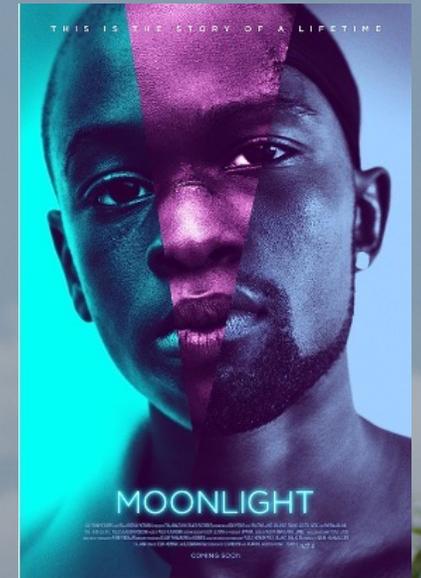
Drama / Family / Identity

LOGLINE

When the only son (Dev) of a strict Nepali Army General is cast out for defying tradition, he must forge a new identity as Gulabi in the vibrant yet unforgiving streets of Kathmandu.

SYNOPSIS

In a conservative Nepali village, Dev struggles to reconcile his identity with the expectations of his patriarchal family. Cast out from his father's disappointment, Dev flees to Kathmandu, where he begins a new life as Gulabi — navigating the harsh yet liberating world of entertainment and survival. *GUNYO CHOLO: THE DRESS* explores identity, tradition, and the courage to live one's truth in a society bound by rigid expectations.



Comparable Titles





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.

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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 composed by award winning Marcello De Francisci, with the hauntingly beautiful voice of **Golden Globe winner Lisa Gerrard** (*Gladiator*, *Whale Rider*). Her vocals are seamlessly woven into 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.

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A SAMUNDRA BHATTA FILM

A SABSUNG STUDIOS PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SKY OCEAN ENTERTAINMENT
VZION ENTERTAINMENT & ANUPHEAP PRODUCTIONS

STARRING NAJIR HUSEN SANCHITA LUITEL BISHAL PAHARI SUSHIL SITAULA AND ANUPAM SHRESTHA

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

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

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS RITHY PANH STEVEN JOHNSTON JEFFREY J. WAINE EDITOR MICHAEL HERING

PRODUCERS AAKASH BUDHATHOKI P,G,A, AND VANSAY ZANUBON P,G,A, ASSOCIATE PRODUCER ANUPAM SHRESTHA

STORY BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA AND NAJIR HUSEN ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA AND NAJIR HUSEN

DIRECTED BY SAMUNDRA BHATTA

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STARRING NAJIR HUSEN



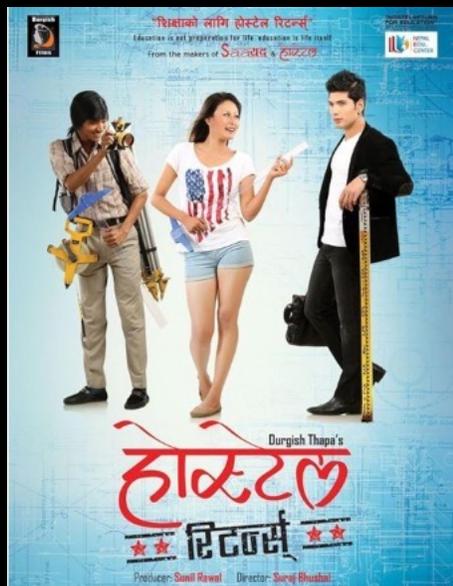
Husen's performance in *Gunyo Cholo: The Dress* has been praised by industry professionals internationally for its emotional restraint, depth, and authenticity.



Najir Husen is one of Nepal's leading film actors, widely recognized for his work in the Nepalese entertainment industry. Among the country's most critically acclaimed performers, Husen began his acting career at **Mandala Theatre, Nepal**, where he developed a strong foundation in character-driven performance.

He rose to prominence with his role as **Rameshwor Yadav** in *Hostel Returns* and further cemented his popularity portraying **Bikram** in *Bir Bikram 2*. His films have collectively garnered **tens of millions of views on YouTube**, with several music videos approaching **100 million views**, reflecting his broad audience reach and cultural impact.

NAJIR HUSEN



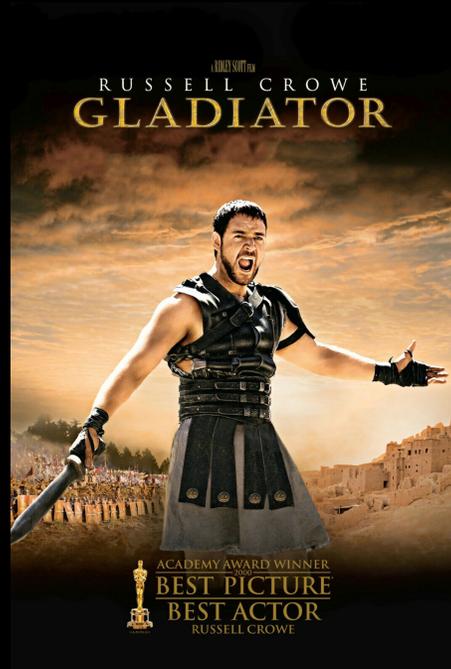


The Music

(Gladiator meets Bollywood sound)

Music Composed & Produced by
MARCELLO DE FRANCISCI

Vocals by:
LISA GERRARD



Cast	In Association With	Country of Origin
Dev / Gulabi Najir Husen	Anupheap Production Sky Ocean Entertainment Vzion Entertainment	Nepal
Savitri Sanchita Luitel	Director Samundra Bhatta	Language Nepali
Kul Bishal Pahari	Producers Aakash Budhathoki, p.g.a. V. Vansay Zanubon, p.g.a.	Sub-Titles English (optional)
Sital Anupam Shrestha	Executive Producers Rithy Panh Steven Johnston Jeffrey J. Waine	Format (Master) Apple ProRes 4444
Indra Sushil Sitaula	Distributors Apple Entertainment / DCN (Nepal) Westec Media (Cambodia)	Aspect Ratio 2.39:1 (Cinemascope)
Rahul Rajkumar Ghos	GunyoCholoMovie.com SabsungStudios.com	Frame Rate 24 fps
Dhane Ip Acharya		Sound 5.1 Surround Mix & Stereo Mix
Kanchi Nisha Bajhgain		DCP 4K IOP Scope DCP
		Color 4K DCI

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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 entertainment 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 vocal 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.



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