

# GUNYO CHOLO: THE DRESS

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

## 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.

## Director Statement

Through Dev's transformation into Gulabi, I wanted to reveal the courage it takes to live one's truth in a world bound by silence and shame. At its heart, it is a story of struggle, compassion, and unity — a reminder that understanding and empathy connects us all beyond culture and borders.

**Selection:** Tasveer Film Festival 2024

**Nepal:** Academy Awards - Entry Finalist for 2026

**Theatrical Release:** Aug 29, 2025 (Nepal)  
Jan 2026 (Cambodia)

**Distributors:** Apple Entertainment & Westec Media



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**Director:** Samundra Bhatta

**Producer:** Aakash Budhathoki, p.g.a,  
V. Vansay Zanubon, p.g.a,

**Executive Producers:** Rithy Panh (Academy Award-Nominated)  
Jeffrey J. Waine  
Steven Johnston

**Cast:** Najir Husen, Sanchita Luitel, Bishal Parari, Anupam Shrestha, Sushil Sitaula, Ip Acharya, Rajkumar Ghos and Nisha Bajhgain

**Composer:** Marcello De Francisci

**Vocals By:** Lisa Gerrard (Golden Globe Winner)

**Format:** 4K DCP / Apple ProRes 4444

**Resolution:** 4096 × 1716 (4K DCI Scope)

**Aspect Ratio:** 2.39:1 (Cinemascope)

**Frame Rate:** 24fps

**Audio:** 5.1 Surround + Stereo Mix

**DCP:** 4K IOP Scope  
(with English Subtitles, 5.1 Mix)

**Subtitles:** English

**Runtime:** 2 hours 7 minutes