

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)
Steven Johnston
Jeffrey J. Waive

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