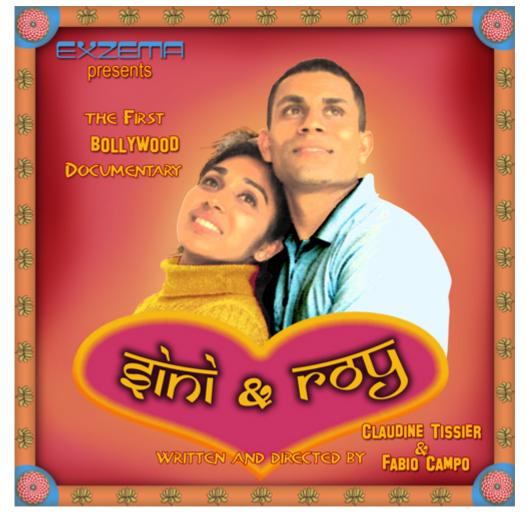


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Presents

The First Bollywood Documentary



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A love story between Bologna and India
Written and directed by

Claudine Tissier & Fabio Campo

Under the patronage of:
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Synopsis

We would like to tell you a story, a very simple story.

The story starts in an Italian city where Sini and Roy, a young Indian couple, work hard at their jobs.

It then moves on to Kerala, where Sini and Roy kindly allowed us to accompany them for some happy, unforgettable days.

In their company we discovered an India that was very different from the typical Western clichés: lively, colourful, warm, unpredictable.

We met throngs of smiling children, curious elderly ladies, charming girls, young lovers, simple and generous people who welcomed us, who agreed to share their daily lives with us, sometimes even revealing their dreams, hopes and fears. Accompanied by music and guided by film images, we filmed the small things in their everyday lives.

They might seem insignificant, but they are rich in the essential truth that in the banality of minor events, human beings are alike.

This video is not just a travel journal.

It's an emotional space in which to share our feelings with you; feelings which have no boundaries but are universal.

So we'd just like to tell you this story, a simple story, a love story.

The style

The authors, both lovers of Indian cinema, made this documentary in the typical Bollywood style: highly coloured, sometimes kitsch and stereotyped. The soundtrack is taken from various older and more recent Indian movies.

This documentary was produced using a minimum of technical equipment: the shooting was carried out with two digital video cameras and the post-production was carried out without a professional studio.

The authors

Claudine Tissier and Fabio Campo live in Bologna. They are involved in many artistic projects related to different fields. During their many travels to Asia, they have shot many video clips. "Sini & Roy" is their first documentary movie.

Sini, Roy, the state of Kerala

Sini is 30 years old, she is Catholic and has studied economics at university. She got married when she was 19, following the Indian custom of arranged marriages: she had never seen her husband before but she accepted to marry him, although she was not forced to. She came to Italy to work many years ago, after "Sini & Roy" - English Synopsis and Credits

her marriage. The marriage became very difficult and she is now obtaining a divorce. She has a five-year-old girl who is looked after by her husband's family in India. She hopes to have her daughter back after the divorce. Two years ago she met Roy, with whom she lives and works. In the future she would like to marry him, to stay in Italy for 3 or 4 more years and then go back to Kerala, where she hopes to open a clothes shop. Her family doesn't know about Roy. Sini is waiting for the divorce to tell her father about him.

Roy is 30 years old as well. He is Catholic and has been in Italy for the last five years. During this period he has never been back to India. He works really hard, just like Sini, often more than 10 hours a day, with only Sundays off. He saves money to help his family and so that his sisters can get married, and to buy a taxi once he gets back to India. He hopes he can marry Sini.

Kerala is a state in the south-western part of India. In this state there is a large Catholic minority and also a high percentage of Communists. The landscape is green and tropical. The period in between the end of June and the beginning of July coincides with the monsoon season. Kerala is the state of Arundathi Roy, the most famous contemporary Indian writer, who is deeply involved in the anti-globalization campaign. Her most famous novel: "The God of Small Things" is set in her home village, just a few kilometres from Sini's village.

Credits

Written and directed by: Claudine Tissier & Fabio Campo Filmed in Bologna by: Danilo Caracciolo and Fabio Campo Filmed in Kerala by: Fabio Campo and Claudine Tissier

Sound: Massi Aquilano and Roberto "Sacco" Secchi

Video editing: Fabio Campo

Graphic: Nole.biz

Italian text adaptation: Andrea Trombini and Elio Talon

French version: Claudine Tissier

English version: Mette Rudvin and Dalila Campo

Italian dubbing: Alice Campo, Cléo Ivanoff, Serena Mignani, Elio

Talon, Andrea Trombini

Narrator: Claudine Tissier

Promotion: Cristiana Costantini, Gianna Nuvoli

Non-original Soundtrack: (Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam movies)

Production: EXZEMA - 2006 - MiniDV PAL 4:3 and DVD

French version: 75 minutes Italian version: 75 minutes

Italian version with English subtitles: 60 minutes

Italian Version (2): 60 minutes

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