

Sikh International Film Festival Toronto to screen acclaimed Indian feature *31st October, 1984*,

BRAMPTON, July 31, 2015 - The [Sikh International Film Festival Toronto](#) (SIFFT) will present a special screening of the eagerly anticipated film, *31 October, 1984*, as part of its three-day celebration of Sikh stories and storytellers.

31st October, 1984, the first mainstream film ever based on the assassination of Indira Gandhi and the events that followed, screens on the August 29, 2015, at the Rose Theatre, Brampton, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The film is “a true life story of a Sikh family in 1984. We begin the film with Indira Gandhi's assassination and we show how a family survives. People have died, become drug addicts, and we have a widows' colony. The impact of '84 has been disastrous and permanent. By making this film, I am not inviting controversy or stirring a debate, but I want people to realise that such acts should not be repeated” **Harry Sachdeva**, the film's producer.

"This film is not just based on Sikh community, it's based on Hindu and Muslim communities as well. Each and every one will relate to this film," **Harry Sachdeva**.

“Once again we are so excited to offer a diverse showcase of world cinema exploring the global Sikh experience. This year's line-up includes remarkable features, fascinating documentaries, archival material, comedies and wide variety of shorts. We will see the power of film to educate, stimulate, entertain and inspire us”, says **Nikki Gill**, Chair of the Sikh International Film Festival Toronto.

“The Board of the Sikh Foundation is excited to have this event in Brampton. We listened to the community and we responded. We've been told by many people that the documentaries that we have shown in the past were powerful, educational and in some cases transformative. This year's cluster of films and documentaries seem even more impressive.” say **Amrit Pannu** and **Sat Gosal**, Sikh Foundation of Canada board members.

Returning for its third year, the Sikh International Film Festival Toronto takes place August 28-30 at the Rose Theatre, Brampton, Ontario. The Festival's 2015 edition showcases over 40 Canadian and international titles that explore all aspects of the Sikh experience, from the origins of the faith to the social and cultural concerns of the present day.

SIFFT is presented by the [Sikh Foundation of Canada](#), which promotes greater understanding of the Sikh presence in this country and highlights their contributions with a focus on arts, education and culture.

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