

IndoGerman Film Dinner SPECIAL: I AM on November 21st, 2013, at 7.00pm in Babylon incl. Indian dinner and <u>live Q&A</u> with writer-director Onir



At our special IndoGerman Filmdinner event on November 21st, 2013 at 7pm (film starts at 7.30pm), we're going to screen I AM in Babylon, Rosa-Luxemburg-Str. 30, 10178 Berlin. A typical Indian dinner will be served, provided by Indian restaurant Mama India, and a Q&A session with writer-director Onir, who'll be attending the event in person, will take place after the screening.

Tickets: www.babylonberlin.de; further information: www.IndoGerman-Filmweek.de

<u>The story:</u> Anthology film I AM divides its plot into four stories of four different characters in never-resting India. It is the fight of four young people for their ideals, their struggle to achieve leading a self-decided life in their country's culture that is ordained by conservative dogmata. A lack of acceptance in society for what and who they are forces them to face a daily fight - to live, and to survive.

<u>More about the story</u>: Four different stories are told in this anthology -- four stories of the fight of four young people for their ideals, their struggle to achieve leading a self-decided life in their country's culture that is ordained by conservative dogmata.

There is *Afia*, a single woman who wants to fulfill her socially expected role as a mother by using a sperm donor, not trusting the right man to come along her path in time.

There is *Abhimanyu* who was sexually abused as a child and still suffers from memories of the horrors of the past haunting him. While being professional successful as a director, behind the façade there is a man still haunted by his past and struggling with his sexual identity.

Then there is *Megha*, and her best friend from childhood days, one Kashmiri Pandit, one Muslim, who were separated by political conflict, and it's the story of an impossible friendship and the loss of home and identity that is told.

And there is *Omar*, hardly known actor from Mumbai, meeting Jai and feeling immediately attracted to him. But their passionate encounter in a public place leads to blackmail and forced sex by police forces that could destroy Omar - financially and emotionally.

I AM (IND 2011) was written and directed by Onir, and co-written by Urmi Juvekar and Merle Kroeger. The movie stars Nandita Das, Juhi Chawla, Sanjay Suri, Rahul Bose as the four main protagonists. Runtime: 110min

I AM was praised by critics, named "an important and intelligent film", "a motion picture of major significance" and "a landmark film".

Tickets are € 10,00 (incl. Dinner and Q&A)

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