

ZINDAGI NA MILEGI DOBARA on June 8th, 2013, at 6.30pm in Babylon incl. Indian dinner and Q&A with director Zoya Akhtar



ZINDAGI NA MILEGI DOBARA is the third film in the row of movies at our IndoGerman Film Dinner, and will be screened on June 8th, 2013, at 6.30pm in Babylon (Rosa-Luxemburg-Str. 30, 10178 Berlin). The screening will be followed by a typical Indian dinner and a Q&A session with director and screenwriter Zoya Akhtar.

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

<u>The story:</u> Zoya Akhtar's box office hit movie introduces the audience to Kabir and his two best friends since school, Arjun and Imraan. Together the three are about to set out on a three-week roadtrip that will serve as a bachelor party for soon-to-be-married Kabir. They don't suspect that when they start their trip in Barcelona it will soon bring them further than they expected...

More about the story: A three-week roadtrip – an extended bachelor party – is what Kabir wants to have with his two best friends since school, Arjun and Imraan. A trip that starts in Barcelona – and brings them further than they'd have thought when suddenly they are faced with a reevaluation their own lives. It is a journey on which they have to take the challenge of overcoming their greatest fears and deciding where their life shall yet head towards, and it is a journey of emotions when friendship and love are put in question...

<u>About the director:</u> Zoya Akhtar is a screenwriter and director - young of age, but nevertheless experienced and highly acclaimed. After her first movie Luck By Chance (2009) turned out to a favorite among critics, expectations for her second big screen work were high. However, when Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011) became a huge hit as well, Akhtar didn't leave any doubts that she is *the* rising star director in Bollywood.

This year she even got the chance to work with established directors Anurag Kashyap, Dibakar Banerjee and Karan Johar when together they produced the anthology film Bombay Talkies to celebrate 100 years of Indian cinema - and possibly mark a turning point in the industry and a new era of filmmaking.

Her skills Zoya Akhtar inherited from her parents. With her mother Honey Irani being an awarded screenwriter and her father Javed Akhtar a praised and acknowledged screenwriter, song writer and poet the daughter had to become part of the film business as well. Even her twin brother Farhan, as actor, director, producer a.o. an all-round talent in film, couldn't break with family tradition. More than once the siblings have worked together on movies.

Zoya Akhtar brings something refreshing to her movies that makes them worth watching so much. The stories feel right and carry the attitude towards life the new-age-generation shows perfectly. Characters are delicately drawn and Akhtar also doesn't hesitate to criticize society or even her own business. Consequently, Zoya Akhtar is one of the most popular filmmakers in India and a rising star in Bollywood of whom we sure can expect many promising projects in future.

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ZINDAGI NA MILEGI DOBARA (IND, 2011) was written by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti, directed by Zoya Akhtar, and stars Hrithik Roshan, Abhay Deol, Farhan Akhtar, Katrina Kaif and Kalki Koechlin.

Runtime: 153 min

The movie will be screened as part of the IndoGerman Film Dinner series on June 8th, 2013, at 6.30pm followed by an Indian Dinner and Q&A/discussion with writer & director Zoya Akhtar via Skype in the Babylon, Rosa-Luxemburg-Str. 30, 10178 Berlin. Zoya Akhtar is the rising star in India's movie business.

The screening is kindly supported by Rapid Eye Movies.

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

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