

Farrey

Farrey is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language heist thriller film directed by Soumendra Padhi.^[2] It stars Alizeh Agnihotri in the lead role with Ronit Roy, Sahil Mehta, Zeyn Shaw, Prasanna Bisht, Juhi Babbar and Shilpa Shukla.^[3] It is an official remake of the 2017 Thai film **Bad Genius**.^[4]

Farrey premiered at 54th International Film Festival of India and it was released theatrically, on 24 November 2023.^{[5][6]}

Plot

Niyati has been lovingly brought up in an orphanage by a kind warden and his caring wife. She has been a top student throughout her life and passes her 10th exams with flying colours, prompting the topmost school in India to offer her a full scholarship for the next two years. She becomes the top student there too, her only competition being another student from the underprivileged class, Aakash, who too has been granted the self-same scholarship. Their joy is complete when the principal of the school, informs them that the school has chosen them to sit in the prestigious Oxford University entrance test, which will help them gain a full scholarship if selected.

Niyati makes friends with Chhavi, who is super rich but weak in studies. Chhavi asks her to help out during the exams, and Niyati at first does it out of friendship and later starts doing it for the money. But the money isn’t for herself, rather it’s sent as donations for her orphanage. There’s a worldwide entrance exam, the basis of which students can gain admission into a top college abroad. The rich kids pay an obnoxious amount of money to both Niyati and Aakash to help them crack it. And the two brilliant students utilise their genius to come up with the perfect plan to achieve that goal. Both are in danger of losing their innocence, however. Whether they stay true to the right path or lose themselves in the blind pursuit of lucre forms the crux of the film .

Cast

- Alizeh Agnihotri as Niyati Singh
- Ronit Roy as Ishrat Kada
- Sahil Mehta as Aakash

<i>Farrey</i>	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Soumendra Padhi
Written by	Soumendra Padhi <p>Abhishek Yadav</p> Jeetendra Nath Jeetu
Based on	<i>Bad Genius</i> by Nattawut Poonpiriya
Produced by	Atul Agnihotri <p>Alvira Khan</p> Sunir Kheterpal Nikhil Namit Y. Ravi Shankar Naveen Yerneni Salman Khan
Starring	 Alizeh Agnihotri <p> Ronit Roy</p> Sahil Mehta <p> Zeyn Shaw</p> Prasanna Bisht
Cinematography	Keiko Nakahara
Edited by	Zubin Sheikh]

- Zeyn Shaw as Prateek
- Prasanna Bisht as Chhavi
- Arbaaz Khan as Chavi's father
- Juhi Babbar as Zoya
- Shilpa Shukla as Vedita Matthew
- Ishan Jack as Student

Music

The music for the film composed by Sachin–Jigar. Lyrics are written by Jigar Saraiya, Mellow D, Abhishek Dubey, Sachin–Jigar and MC Stan.^[7]

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(S)	Length
1.	"Ghar Pe Party Hai"	<u>Jigar Saraiya</u> , Mellow D	<u>Badshah</u> , <u>Aastha Gill</u> , Mellow D, Sachin–Jigar	2:40
2.	"Machade Tabahi"	Abhishek Dubey	<u>Sunidhi Chauhan</u>	2:57
3.	"Farrey Title Track"	Abhishek Dubey, MC Stan	MC Stan, Sachin–Jigar, Maanuni Desai	3:05
4.	"O Bandeya"	Jigar Saraiya	King, Sachin–Jigar	3:01
			Total length:	11:43

Release

Theatrical

Farrey had its theatrical release on November 24, 2023. It was released on 1000 screens domestically.^{[8][9]}

Home media

Farrey was released on the streaming platform ZEE5 on April 5.^[10]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 82% of 11 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.6/10.^[11] It received mixed-to-positive reviews from critics, with praise directed towards Alizeh's performance.

Music by	Score: <u>Sidhant Mathur</u> Songs: <u>Sachin–Jigar</u>
Production companies	<u>Salman Khan Films</u> <u>Mythri Movie Makers</u> <u>Athena Reel Life Productions</u>
Distributed by	<u>PVR Inox Pictures</u>
Release date	24 November 2023
Running time	130 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Box office	₹2.25 crore ^[1]

<i>Farrey</i>		
<u>Soundtrack album by Sachin–Jigar</u>		
Released	20 November 2023 ^[7]	
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>	
Length	11:44	
Language	Hindi	
Label	<u>Zee Music Company</u>	
<u>Sachin–Jigar chronology</u>		
<i><u>Aankh Micholi</u></i> (2023)	<i>Farrey</i> (2023)	<i><u>Murder Mubarak</u></i> (2024)
Official audio		
Farrey - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j22iBIXXZn0) on <u>YouTube</u>		

Saibal Chatterjee of NDTV scored the film at 2.5 out of 5 stars and says "Alizeh is Farrey's brightest point, by far. She plays a big part and gives it credit. Sahil Mehta, Prasanna Bisht, and Zeyn Shaw, the other three young performers in the ensemble, have somewhat less nuanced roles to portray, but they nonetheless give the movie a steady energy."^[12] Tushar Joshi of India Today This ensemble of young stars aces the thrill mark sheet".^[13] Vinamra Mathur of Firstpost labelled the film "Alizeh Agnihotri, Salman Khan's niece, debuts with assurance in a gripping thriller."^[14] Alaka Sahani of The Indian Express gave 3 stars out of 5 and praised Agnihotri's performance and said "it is Agnihotri, whose intelligence as well as ambition is at the centre of Farrey, holds the story together and keeps her character relatable. She also deftly portrays Niyati's transitions at different stages of the movie."^[15] Prannay Pathak of Hindustan Times said "Alizeh Agnihotri, Salman Khan's niece, makes a strong cinematic debut in Soumendra Padhi's latest feature"^[16] Pratikshya Mishra of The Quint gave 3 stars out of 5 and said "Alizeh stands out from the rest of the cast, in part because her character is the most developed and in part because of her on-screen persona, which helps the audience identify with the character."^[17]

Accloades

Year	Award	Category	Recipient	Result	Ref.
2024	Filmfare Awards	Best Female Debut	Alizeh Agnihotri	Won	^[18] ^[19]

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