

Ghoomer

Ghoomer (lit. 'Spinner'^[a]) is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language sports drama film written and directed by R. Balki.^[3] It stars Shabana Azmi, Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher, and Angad Bedi.^[4]

The film had its World Premiere as the opening film at the 12th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne on 12 August 2023^[5] and was released theatrically in India on 18 August 2023.^{[6][7][8]} At 69th Filmfare Awards, the film received three nomination, including Best Actor (Critics) for Bachchan and Best Supporting Actress for Azmi.^[9]

Synopsis

Anina "Ani" Dixit, a bright and upcoming batting prodigy, loses her right hand in a freak accident. However, the unsympathetic and failed test cricketer, Padam "Paddy" Singh Sodhi, gives her new hope in the form of bowling. He trains her with unconventional techniques, to turn her fate around as a bowler. Spinning or "Ghoomer", is a new style of bowling they both invent. Will Anina be able to qualify and make it into the Indian women's team as a bowler, with less than 10 months to go?^[10]

Cast

- Saiyami Kher as Anina "Ani" Dixit
- Abhishek Bachchan as Padam "Paddy" Singh Sodhi
- Shabana Azmi as Anina's grandmother
- Angad Bedi as Jeet, Anina's boyfriend
- Shivendra Singh Dungarpur as Anina's father
- Ivanka Das as Rasika
- Akshay Joshi as Anina's brother Tishu
- Piyush Raina as Anina's brother Anuj
- Pari Sharma as Young Anina
- Bhagya Bhanushali as Young Jeet
- Padmanabh Bind as Male selector Morey
- Kiran Navgire as Coach
- Bishan Singh Bedi in a cameo appearance as himself
- Mohit Kumar as Treasurer Bhavik
- Amitabh Bachchan in a special appearance as a cricket commentator
- Neroli Meadows in a special appearance as a cricket commentator

Ghoomer	
 <div>Threatical release poster</div>	
Directed by	R. Balki
Written by	R. Balki <div></div> Rahul Sengupta <div></div> Rishi Virmani
Produced by	Rakesh Jhunjhunwala <div></div> Abhishek Bachchan <div></div> Gauri Shinde <div></div> Ramesh Pulapaka <div></div> Anil Naidu
Starring	Shabana Azmi <div></div> Abhishek Bachchan <div></div> Saiyami Kher <div></div> Angad Bedi
Cinematography	Vishal Sinha
Edited by	Nipun Ashok Gupta
Music by	Amit Trivedi

- Subhalaxmi Sharma as Captain Dipti
- Kavita Singh as Anjali
- Aditi Aryan as Dilshaad
- Bhakti Teli as Diya
- Sayali Sathghare as Geetha
- Vedika Dawane as Jayshri
- Priya Kaushik as Manmeet
- Niddhi Dawada as Meena
- Sushmita Avhad as Nanda
- Nirali Oza as Nasreen
- Prakashika Naik as Preetha
- Akshayaa Surve as Rodriquez
- Saima Thakor as Simran
- Abbas Momin as Bartender
- Kajal Sisodia as Tanvi
- Amber Botha as English player Amber
- Nonkululeko Thabethe as English player Archer
- Bernadette Greeff as English player Bernadette
- Christine Tomlinson as English player Christine
- Samantha Schutte as English player Evans
- Lebogang Rachel as English player Grant
- Kayla Abbott as English player Kayla
- Nicole Slier as English player Nicole
- Paulinah Mashishi as English player Pauline
- Jenna Searle as English player Searle
- Christen Van Wyk as English player Williams

Production companies	Hope Film Makers Saraswati Entertainment <u>Amitabh Bachchan Corporation</u>
Distributed by	<u>Pen Marudhar Entertainment</u>
Release dates	12 August 2023 (Melbourne) 18 August 2023
Running time	134 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Box office	<u>est.</u> ₹7 crore ^[2]

Production

The film started in 2021 and was wrapped in June 2022.^{[11][12]}

Music

The music of the film is composed by Amit Trivedi while lyrics written by Kausar Munir and Swanand Kirkire.

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Ghoomer"	<u>Kausar Munir</u>	Dipakshi Kalita, Altamash Faridi	3:46
2.	"Dil Dum Chhalla"	Kausar Munir	Varun Jain	3:45
3.	"Taqdeer Se Taqraa"	<u>Swanand Kirkire</u>	<u>Mika Singh</u>	4:00
4.	"Purnaviram"	Swanand Kirkire	<u>Amit Trivedi</u> , Rupali	4:12

<i>Ghoomer</i>	
<u>Soundtrack album by Amit Trivedi</u>	
Released	10 August 2023
Recorded	2022
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
Length	15:43
Language	Hindi
Label	<u>Zee Music Company</u>
<u>Amit Trivedi chronology</u>	

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Total length: 15:43

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Ghoomer (2023)
Ganapath (2023)

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, *Ghoomer* received a rating of 75%, based on 12 reviews, with an average rating of 6.8/10.^[13]

Renuka Vyavahare of *The Times of India* rated the film 4 stars out of 5 and wrote "A poignant and powerful tale of human resilience".^[14] *Zee Media Bureau* reviewed the film and wrote "Abhishek Bachchan Hits All The Right Chords".^[15] In a review, Monika Rawal Kukreja of *Hindustan Times* wrote "Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher's stellar acts will move you".^[16] Lachmi Deb Roy of *Firstpost* rated 3 stars out of 5 and wrote "Abhishek Bachchan and Saiyami Kher's powerful performances will leave you awestruck".^[17]

In a review, Toshiro Agarwal of *Times Now* wrote "Saiyami Kher, Abhishek Bachchan Film Is An Inspiring Journey Of Resilience And Triumph".^[18]

Taran Adarsh of *Bollywood Hungama* awarded the film 2.5/5 stars and wrote "*Ghoomer* rests on Abhishek Bachchan and Saiyami Kher's performances and some well-executed scenes. But the narrative is too quick and the trailer ended up showing nearly the whole story".^[19]

Accolades

Award	Ceremony date	Category	Recipients	Result	Ref.
<u>Filmfare Awards</u>	<u>28 January 2024</u>	<u>Best Actor (Critics)</u>	<u>Abhishek Bachchan</u>	Nominated	^[20]
		<u>Best Actress (Critics)</u>	<u>Saiyami Kher</u>		
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Shabana Azmi</u>		

Note

- a. 'Ghoomna' in Hindi means to spin and "er" suffixe add to it from English, that's why "Ghoomer" translates to "Spinner."

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