

Gulmohar (2023 film)

Gulmohar (transl. Flame Tree) is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language family drama film written and directed by Rahul V. Chittella.^[1] The film stars Sharmila Tagore, Manoj Bajpayee, Simran, Suraj Sharma, Amol Palekar, and Kaveri Seth, amongst others.^{[2][3]} It was released on Disney+ Hotstar OTT platform on 3 March 2023.^[4] It was featured at the 54th IFFI Indian panorama mainstream section.^[5]

At the 2023 Filmfare OTT Awards, *Gulmohar* received 14 nominations won 3 awards, including Best Actress in a Web Original Film (Critics) (Tagore) and Best Supporting Actor in a Web Original Film (Sharma).

Plot

The Batra family has been living in a house named "Gulmohar" for many decades. As their Gulmohar villa is being brought down to give way to a high rise, the family meets up for one last party before the packers and movers take over. However, over the course of ghazal and gossip, the discordant notes in their relationships get exposed and one gets sucked into their tumultuous present and turbulent past. The postcards of memories are riddled with cryptic messages on the destiny.

Cast

- Sharmila Tagore as Kusum Batra
- Manoj Bajpayee as Arun Batra, Kusum Batra's adopted son
- Simran as Indira "Indu" Batra, Arun Batra's wife
- Suraj Sharma as Aditya "Adi" Batra
- Amol Palekar as Sudhakar Batra
- Kaveri Seth as Divya Batra
- Utsavi Jha as Amrita "Amu" Batra
- Danish Sood as Ankur
- Anuraag Arora as Kamal Batra
- Devika Shahani as Neena Batra
- Sriharsh Sharma as Kishore Batra
- Santhy Balachandran as Reshma Saeed
- Jatin Goswami as Jeetendra "Jeetu" Kumar
- Chandan Roy as Param
- Gandharv Dewan as Irfan

<i>Gulmohar</i>	
 <div>Official release poster</div>	
Directed by	Rahul V. Chittella
Written by	Rahul V. Chittella <div>Arpita Mukherjee</div>
Produced by	Vikesh Bhutani <div>Rahul Chittella</div> <div>Shujaat Saudagar</div>
Starring	<div> <div>Sharmila Tagore</div> <div>Manoj Bajpayee</div> <div>Simran</div> <div>Suraj Sharma</div> <div>Amol Palekar</div> <div>Kaveri Seth</div> </div>
Cinematography	Eeshit Narain
Edited by	Tanupriya Sharma
Music by	Siddhartha Khosla

- [Talat Aziz](#) as Avinash
- [Vinod Nagpal](#) as Baba, Arun's birth father
- Tanvi Rao as Deepika
- Abhinav Bhattacharjee as Radheshyam
- Tripti Sahu as Surekha
- Nargis Nandal as Payal
- Varun Narayan as Sameer
- [Kanishk Seth](#) as Rocky
- Deepak Bagga as Suri
- Hiba Qamar as Young Kusum
- Sanjina Gadhvi as Young Supriya

	Alan Demoss
Production companies	Star Studios <div>Autonomous Works</div> <div>Chalkboard Entertainment</div>
Distributed by	Disney+ <div>Hotstar</div>
Release date	3 March 2023
Running time	132 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi

Music

The music for the film composed by Siddhartha Khosla & Alan Demoss and lyrics are written by [Shellee](#).

No.	Title	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Dilkash"	Siddhartha Khosla	Talat Aziz	4:29
2.	"Sapno Ki Pakhi"	Siddhartha Khosla, Alan Demoss	Kavita Seth	4:39
3.	"Woh Ghar"	Siddhartha Khosla, Alan Demoss	Utsavi Jha	3:56
4.	"Hori Mein"	Siddhartha Khosla, Alan Demoss	Kavita Seth	3:03
Total length:				16:12

<i>Gulmohar</i>	
Soundtrack album by Siddhartha Khosla & Alan Demoss	
Released	25 February 2023
Genre	Feature film soundtrack
Length	16:12
Label	Zee Music Company

Reception

Gulmohar received widespread critical acclaim. Critics praised the performances of Tagore, Bajpayee, and Simran. Saibal Chatterjee of [NDTV](#) gave the film giving 4 out of 5 stars and said that “there is a great deal of beauty in the muted melodrama”, praising the cast’s ensemble performance.^[6]

Alaka Sahani of *[The Indian Express](#)* drew a parallel between *Gulmohar* and [Mira Nair's](#) *[Monsoon Wedding](#)* and termed it as director Rahul V Chittella's Tribute to his mentor.^[7]

Dhaval Roy, writing for the *[Times of India](#)*, gave the movie 3.5 stars and gave particular praise to the acting performance of the cast stating that Tagore “is par excellence” and that “while Manoj is outstanding, so is Simran as his wife, Indu. The duo's individual performances are as noteworthy as their on-screen chemistry as husband and wife”. He highlighted the “commendable performances” of the rest of the cast.^[8]

Monika Rawal Kukreja of *Hindustan Times* was more critical. While she praised the cast’s performance she also stated that “the film needed much better editing” with certain subplots seeming “half-baked”.^[9]

Accolades

Year	Award ceremony	Category	Nominee / work	Result	Ref.
2023	Filmfare OTT Awards	Best Web Original Film	<i>Gulmohar</i>	Nominated	[10]
		Best Director in a Web Original Film	Rahul V. Chittella	Nominated	
		Best Actress in a Web Original Film	Sharmila Tagore	Nominated	
		Best Actress in a Web Original Film (Critics)		Won	
		Best Actor in a Web Original Film	Manoj Bajpayee	Nominated	
		Best Supporting Actor in a Web Original Film	Suraj Sharma	Won	
		Best Supporting Actress in a Web Original Film	Simran	Nominated	
		Best Story (Web Original Film)	Rahul V. Chittella, Arpita Mukherjee	Nominated	
		Best Original Screenplay (Web Original Film)		Won	
		Best Original Dialogue (Web Original Film)		Nominated	
		Best Background Music (Web Original Film)	Siddhartha Khosla	Nominated	
		Best Production Design (Web Original Film)	Mansi Dhruv Mehta	Nominated	
		Best Cinematographer (Web Original Film)	Eeshit Narain	Nominated	
		Best Editing (Web Original Film)	Tanupriya Sharma	Nominated	
		Best Sound Design (Web Original Film)	P. M. Satheesh, Manoj M. Goswami	Nominated	

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