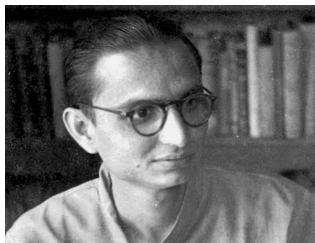




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CENTENARY TRIBUTE TO ARABINDA MUKHOPADHYAY



(1919 - 2019)

Veteran filmmaker **Arabinda Mukhopadhyay** passed away at his South Kolkata residence on 11th Feb 2016 at the age of 97. He was survived by two sons and a daughter. His wife died earlier. His comedies and masterpieces of other genres have regaled audiences over the decades. He was younger brother of famous novelist Balaichand Mukhopadhyay, popularly known as Bonophool. Born on June 18, 1919, in Bihar, Mukherjee left medical education midway to embrace the world of films, and his very first directorial effort 'Kichukkhon' in 1959 fetched him a nomination for the President's award.

In a career spanning four decades, Mukherjee directed 26 full length films, three tele-films and one television serial, churning out family entertainers of refined tastes, which excellently portrayed middle class sensibilities and left an evergreen appeal among cine goers of all generations.

Mukhopadhyay had joined Tollygunge film industry in mid fifties. His films like '**Nishipadma**' (1970) and '**Agnishwar**' (1975) are considered to be the best films. 'Agnishwar', a film based on a story penned by Bonophool on the life of Dr. Agnishwar Mukherjee, his teacher, became very popular. Uttam Kumar, who acted as Agnishwar and Madhabi Mukherjee in the role of his wife gave the film a twist that remains one of the best made film in Bengali. Dhanyee Meye, a comedy, shows Mukherjee's ability to make all sorts of films. 'Sab khelar sera Bangalir tumi football' sung by Manna De became too popular. '**Mouchak**' (1975), another comedy featuring Uttam Kumar, Sabitri Chattopadhyay, Sekhar Chatterjee, Ranjit Mullick and Mithu Mukherjee is still watched by members of families across age. Mukhopadhyay had also discovered young Jaya Bhaduri in '**Dhanyee Meye**' (1971) who later became famous as a Bollywood actress and married superstar Amitabh Bachchan. "I make films for all the members of the family, and because of God's grace I have been successful in my venture," Mukhopadhyay had said in one of his interviews.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

Dear Members,

Please note that in the **Special General Meeting** held on 26th July, 2019 at **Abanindra Sabhagriha, Charukala Bhavan (Ground Floor)**, the following rules were amended which shall be effected from **1st April, 2020**.

Clause 4D: The annual subscription for **Ordinary Member** shall be **Rs.550/-** annually. Admission Fee for **Ordinary Member** shall be **Rs.100/-**.

Clause 4E: Membership Fee for a **Couple Member** shall be **Rs.750/-** annually. Admission Fee for **Couple Member** shall be **Rs.200/-**.

Rule-8: The Executive Committee.

A new Clause F(I) **Deputy Treasurer** to be inserted.

Clause G: 10 (ten) other members in place of 8 (eight) other members.

Parimal Mukherjee
General Secretary

CINE CENTRAL, CALCUTTA

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ANNUAL REPORT

(1 April, 2018 to 31 March, 2019)

Presented by the General Secretary in the Annual General Meeting

On 26th July, 2019 at Abanindra Sabhagriha Charukala Bhavan
(Ground Floor)

1/1 A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata - 700 020.

Dear Members,

I on behalf of our President and Members of the Executive Committee heartily welcome all of you to this Annual General Meeting.

We are meeting at a time when film society movement is at the crossroad. Each passing day we find that the young generation are not inclined to join film society for various reasons. Perhaps the most important cause is easy availability of films at the touch of a button. With the introduction of smart TV and online streaming portal like Netflix, Hot Star, Amazon Prime etc., one can watch the current movies at their own time and place.

But we do feel that film society has an important role to play. The society put focus on the global cinema and put emphasis to showcase the films across the world which are not available either in the Multiplex or in the Internet.

You are aware that we made our journey on 30th October, 1965 in a very small way. We have now almost covered 54 years of eventful journey. Standing at this landmark when we look back we feel both proud and sad. We can justifiably feel proud on the fact that our society is still the most active, vigorous and the largest film society in the country.

We have already informed all of you that we are fighting a legal battle to retain our existing premises. Unfortunately the legal battle is still continuing in the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. Stay Order has been granted against earlier eviction order. It is needless to say that under the active guidance of our beloved President we will fight the legal battle upto the last.

We are happy to report that despite financial and organizational difficulties we have been able to conduct two of our landmark programmes i.e. 'International Forum of New Cinema-2018' & '18th International Children's Film Festival-2018'.

Dear friends, it is our earnest appeal please come forward to help your society in whatever way you can. Allow me to record here that it is the support and love of a large numbers of our Members that have help us to keep the society running and make it India's most active and largest film society in India. We seek your active help and support to take the organization

further ahead.

Now I present the report on our activities during the past year.

IN MEMORIAM

We deeply mourn the demise of persons connected with the world of film, culture and social arena who have passed away during the period under review.

With a heavy heart we mourn the demise of legendary film director **Mrinal Sen**, who was friend, philosopher and guide of our society.

We are shocked and shattered at the sudden death of our most active colleague **Uttam Dey** who was for long Asst. Secretary of our society.

We deeply mourn the death of **Vijaya Mule** former Present of FFSI and she was very close to our society. In this period. We also lost veteran folk singer **Amar Paul**, actor and singer **Mrinal Mukherjee**.

This year also saw the death of great writer **Ramapada Chowdhuri**, **Atin Bandyopadhyay** and **Dibyendu Palit** and great poet **Nirendra Nath Chakraborty**.

We also lost famous film director **Kalpna Lajmi**, bengali actress **Basabi Nandi**. In this period we lost **Biplabketan Chakraborty** and **Dwijen Bandhopadhyay** both were well-known character artists of Bengali screen and stage.

We lost a well-known name of in Bengali Cine Workers Movement and our close friend **Arabindo Roy**.

We mourn the death of great Bollywood Actor and script writer **Kader Khan**.

In the international arena we deeply mourn the death of French Film Director **Agnes Verda** and Czech Director **Milos Foreman**.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Our 18th International Children's Film Festival was successfully held in multiple venues from 25th July, 2018 to 30th November, 2018 in collaboration with UNICEF, Nandan (West Bengal Film Centre) & TALAS a NGO. The festival was inaugurated by His Excellency **Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi**, Governor of West Bengal on 25th July, 2018 at Nandan-I.

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Hon'ble Justice Shri Shyamal Kumar Sen, President Cine Central, Calcutta gave the welcome address. **Mr. Mohammad Mahiuddin, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF-West Bengal** was the Guest of Honour in the Inaugural Function. **Smt. Mahua Banerjee, CEO Nandan** was present as distinguished guest. Children Film **"Moana"** was the inaugural film of the festival. **Shri Parimal Mukherjee, General Secretary, Cine Central, Calcutta & Smt. Ayesha Sinha, Executive Director of TALASH** were also present. Children from different schools, NGO centers, both from rural and urban areas attended the programme and they were provided with Tiffin & Gift.

The film shows were continued at Nandan-II from **9th August to 12th August, 2018**. The festival films were then screened in and around Kolkata and other districts including Malda. About Forty Thousand children participated in the festival. All shows of the festival were free of charges.

We are grateful to **UNICEF, West Bengal State Office & Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal** for providing helping hand to organize this state-wide programme.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF NEW CINEMA

We are proud to inform that our society introduced the 1st independent annual international film festival in Kolkata way back in 1986. This festival was earlier a part of Kolkata International Film Festival. From 2016 we have started our separate festival so that our members can enjoy both the festival. This year the 32nd edition of International Forum of New Cinema was re-scheduled due to non-availability of hall. The festival will be held in the month of April, 2019.

GENERAL FILM SHOWS

In the month of April we organized New Wave of Iranian Cinema. Four films were screened.

We also presented a Swedish Film Festival in the month of June, 2018. In which four films were screened.

In the month of August we screened two films as the Centenary Tribute to **Ingmar Bergman** the famous Swedish film director.

In the month of September one Czech and one Polish film were screened. We also started our Moring show at Rammohun Library Hall. One Bangladeshi film was screened.

In the month of October one film was shown in the Morning Show.

In the month of December New York Portuguese Short Film Festival was shown.

We also screened two films for remembering **Bernardo Bertolucci** the great Italian director.

We also celebrated the 60 years of great movie **Ben Hur**.

In the month of March four films were screened one each from Germany, France, Bosnia and Spain.

SEMINAR

We have arranged one interesting programme under the title of **"FACE TO FACE"** from **28th January** to **30th January, 2019** at **Tapan Theatre**. On 1st day renowned

film director **Shri Budhadeb Dasgupta** spoke on his life and work. After the discussions his Hindi film **"Anwar Ka Ajab Kissa"** was screened. A part of this film was shoot in the office of our society. On the 2nd day the young promising director **Shri Atanu Ghosh** spoke before the audience on his work and style. His film **"Ek Phali Rodh"** was screened. On the last day noted film director **Shri Kaushik Ganguly** spoke at length on his film, thought, work and acting. After question and answer session his film **"Cinemawala"** was screened. We wish to hold **"FACE TO FACE"** programme in the coming year also.

BOOK FAIR

This year also we set up a colourful stall at Kolkata Book Fair at Bidhannagar Central Park in Salt Lake, which attracted a large number of visitors. There was huge rush of film enthusiasts in our stall to have rare DVD or Film Books. Like in the past we arranged to sale DVD/CD of classic Cinema.

LIBRARY

During this period only six new books and some journals & souvenirs from abroad were added in the library. We could not reorganize the library due to non-availability of a part time librarian.

NANDAN

We are getting excellent co-operation and support from Nandan (West Bengal Film Centre). Our heartiest thanks to Nandan authorities for their help and cooperation. We have conducted one programme in collaboration with Nandan during this period.

NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE

We are getting whenever required help and support from NFAI. We express our thanks to the authorities.

SATYAJIT RAY FILM & TELEVISION INSTITUTE

We are having excellent cooperation and collaboration with SRFTI. It is worth mentioning that we have been given storage space for maintaining a large number of celluloid films donated to us by different Embassies, High Commissions and International Film Institutes.

FFSI & OTHER FILM SOCIETIES

We are maintaining good relations with FFSI. We hope, FFSI will take more initiative to strengthen Film Society movement. We are having cordial relations with all film societies in India and whenever possible we extend our help and support to other film societies.

ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

During the period under review, we had five meetings of the executive committee to discuss programmes as well as organizational matters.

Please keep contact by visiting Society office or over phone in the first week of every month for programme information. Besides posting we are sending our monthly bulletins to our members through **Email**. For up-to-date information we request you to follow us in Facebook.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We convey our sincere thanks to the Film Institutions and agencies of different countries, authorities of different International Film Festivals, Diplomatic Missions of different countries in India and all Consulates in Kolkata. We also extend our sincere thanks to Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Government of West Bengal (Department of Information & Cultural Affairs and Finance), UNICEF, Doordarshan, All India Radio, all Electronic Channels and all Print Media.

We express our deep appreciation to Kolkata Police, Nandan West Bengal Film Centre, Alliance Francaise du Bengale Culture, Goethe Institute, Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata, Paschimbanga Bangla Academy, Satyajug Employees Co. operative Industrial Society Ltd., Angel Video, Basusree Cinema, Tapan Thretre, Rammohun Library & Free Reading Room, Moulali Yuba Kendra, Publishers & Booksellers Guild, Bengal Phototype, Buddhadeb Dasgupta, Kaushik Ganguly, Atanu Ghosh. We also convey our heartiest thanks to our Preview Committee Members Siladytya Sen, Althea Phillips, Nirmal Dhar.

Our special thanks to Patton International, The Peerless General Finance & Investment Co. We are grateful to our Patrons, Sponsors, well-wishers and members for their help, co-operation and support. Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Ltd, G.G. Dalmia, Ambuja Realty, Anandilal Poddar Charitable Trust.

Dear friends, Cine Central, Calcutta is committed to strengthen film society movement to promote healthy film culture in the country. It is our believe that as long there is film there will be need for film society. We seek your kind co-operation on our journey for another fruitful year.

Best Regards & Thanks.

*Parimal Mukherjee
General Secretary*

PROGRAMME IN AUGUST-2019

5.00 p.m.

28-08-2019
Wednesday

7.00 p.m.

50 Years of
TOPAZ

Dir: Alfred Hitchcock

50 Years of
**MIDNIGHT
COWBOY**

Dir: John Schlesinger

VENUE: RAMMOHUN LIBRARY HALL
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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

All our Members are requested to kindly renew their Membership for the year 2019-20. Office hours is 2.30 p.m. To 7.30 p.m. For programme updates like us on FACEBOOK & please registered your email id for update information or contact Society Office.

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