



AMI O MANOHAR - MANOHAR & I

Director: Amitabha Chaterji/2018/118'/Feature
DOP: Modhura Palit & Amitabha Chaterji
Editor: Simanta Mukerjee
Sound Design: SK Abdul Rajjak
Cast: Shyamal Chakraborty, Monalisa Chaterjee

Winner of the Best Debut Film at the prestigious International Film Festival of Kerala in 2018, director Amitabha Chaterji's fascinating urban tale documents two



loners in the bustling city of Calcutta. They meet regularly during the course of their journey and share stories, creating a connection that reveals expressions of distress, seclusion and longing. The two talk like two passers-by on fortuitous topics and inconsequential matters about their lives. The main protagonists are simple mundane people who the director has woven together in a tapestry of black and white making it a compelling watch. Manohar and I is one of those movies where the central theme is of the pain of loneliness.

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MAHANANDA

Director: Arindam Sil/2022/132'/Feature
Producer: Firdausal Hasan & Probal Halder
DOP: Ayan Sil
Editor: Sanglap Bhowmick
Music: Bickram Ghosh
Cast: Gargi Roychowdhury, Debsanker Halder, Ishaa Saha

Mahananda is a larger-than-life portrayal of the firebrand activist Mahasweta Devi who endeavoured to speak the truth. The film explores the protagonist's thought provoking and inspiring journey as she



seeks justice for the oppressed. The protagonist's childhood and youth are portrayed convincingly leading to her evolution as a strong committed individual standing up for marginalised communities like the Shabar who were labelled as natural criminals. The movie portrays Mahananda's estranged husband as selling his soul for commercial success unlike Mahasweta Devi's estranged husband who was a doyen of social-political literature till his dying moments. In spite of the liberties taken with the documented truth, the film is lit up with lot of brilliant performances.

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KALKOKKHO - HOUSE OF TIME

Director: Rajdeep Paul & Sarmishta Maiti/2021/125'/
Feature
Producer: Anjan Bose
DOP: Rana Pratap Karforma
Music: Avijith Kundu
Cast: Tannistha Biswas, Janardan Ghosh,
Ahana Karmarkar, Sreeleekha Mukherji

Kalkokkho or House of Time set during the COVID-19 pandemic is a highly relatable film showcasing the public's fears, mistrust and



their desperation. A young woman in an evocative protective suit accosts a doctor out for a jog, When he refuses to accompany her to treat a patient at her home, he receives a blow to his head and is kidnapped. He wakes up in a desolate house of three women of different ages. Captive in a time swamp of a residence, the doctor discovers that otherworldly forces are at play.

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