

CINEPHILIA FILMS
PRESENTS

A FILM BY ASHISH MADURWAR



"THODI SI KHUSHI"

A BIT OF HAPPINESS

Cast Padmanabh Bind & Vijaya Laxmi Cinematography Amit Kumar Edit Ajay Yadav
Sound Design Piyush Shah Music Asish Madurwar Production Design Bhaskar Gupta
DI Sunil Kamath Art Direction & Prod. Manager Pramod Kumar Chief AD Ravi Choudhary
Writer Director & Producer Asish Madurwar Poster Design Abhishek Acharjee

Thodi Si Khushi

(A Bit of Happiness)

Running Time: 14.33 minutes

Language: Hindi

Format: Digital 4K

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Year of Production: March, 2022

Country of Production: India (Mumbai)

Production Company: Cinephilia Films

Written/Directed/Produced By: Ashish Madurwar

LOGLINE

A househusband and his transperson partner discover happiness at the end of their miserable day with the assistance of care and affection for each other.

SYNOPSIS

A handicapped man and a transgender partner are living together as a couple. The guy faces several difficulties as a result of his physical impairment, and the transgender partner faces numerous challenges as well. The film, *Bit of Happiness* (Thodi Si Khushi), highlights a rough and tragic incident of their routine day. However, when they come together and express their love and concern for one another via their deeds, they find a bit of happiness, which gives them the strength to face life's challenges and go forward with a positive outlook.



OUR STORY

This film was created by a group of FTII alumni who collaborated on the project.

With the aid of friends and family, the film was made on a minimal budget.

In traditional Indian society, the film attempted to debunk a few clichés, such as patriarchy and the shame associated with non-heterosexual family systems.



WRITER/DIRECTOR/ PRODUCER

Ashish Madurwar

He did his post-graduation from the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and was selected for a foreign exchange programme between FTII and FAMU in Prague, Czech Republic.

His short film as a writer and director, *Nagraj In Mumbai*, won first prize in a 50-hour filmmaking challenge, India Film Project (IFP). And 23-minute Hindi short film, *Doranga*, was screened in 3 Indian Film Festivals.

He was part of the co-operative Hindi feature film HUMNE JEENA SEEKH LIYA (2007).

He creatively contributed to the Malayalam language Indian film Paka- The Vengeance, which had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

Currently, working on his first first feature film, Hiaranyakashipu (The Enemy Father), which was a part of the Script Lab organised by Film-City (Mumbai) along with NFDC (National Film Development Corporation) and pitched at the NFDC Film Bazaar 2021.

He was also selected for the Kyoto Filmmakers Lab 2021-22 masters session, attended NAFF Fantastic Film School online and completed Sundance Collab's Directing-Visual Storytelling program.



D.O.P., Amit Kumar

An alumni of FTII, Amit assisted on a few Hindi feature films and shot some short films and documentaries independently. He also won a student national award for a documentary, The Donkey Fair.



EDITOR, Ajay Yadav

Ajay Yadav is an FTII, Pune graduate editor who worked as a location editor for Hindi feature films like Shivaay, Padmavat, and Mardani-2. He worked as an editor for short films like Nagraj in Mumbai, Doranga, and the feature film Weather Report.



SOUND DESIGNER, Piyush Shah

An alumni of FTII, Piyush has established his own sound studio, Bandish Studios, in Pune. He has worked on many feature and short film projects as a sound designer and engineer, which include, Redu, Lathe Joshi, Dithi, Turtle, Waah Jindagi, Tendlya etc.



PRODUCTION DESIGNER, Bhaskar Gupta

An alumni of FTII, Bhaskar has worked as an art director for many Hindi feature films like Kanpuriye, The Tashkent Files, Secret Superstar, Yaaram, Bombay Summer, Mickey Virus, etc.



ART DIRECTOR & PRODUCTION MANAGER, Pramod Kumar

An alumni of FTII, Pune. He has worked on various feature and short film projects as an editor, art director, and production manager.



CASTING AND CHIEF AD, Ravi Choudhary

Ravi is an acting graduate from FTII and is currently teaching at Balaji Acting Institute. He has done casting for Hindi feature films like Rustom, Bhoomi, Sarbjit, Jagga Jasoos and more than 100 advertisements.



OUR CAST:



Padmnabh Bind as *Balu/Househusband*

Padmnabh Bind is a trained actor from Lalit Kala Academy, Pune.

He was awarded as the Best Actor for his performance in the Marathi Language film, 1 te 4 Band, at the prestigious Pune International Film Festival (PIFF).

Apart from that, he has acted in many Marathi and Hindi language Indian films, TV series, and Marathi commercial dramas.



VijayaLaxmi as *Rani*

VijayaLaxmi is a transgender model and actor based in Mumbai, who has acted in Hindi films like Darbar and shared the screen with stars like Rajnikant.

She is active in the field of art and was recently the runner-up in the Trans Stylin Star India 2022.

Apart from that, she acted in a few Hindi TV series.

Official Selections

- 11th International Film Festival of South Asia Toronto (IFFSA Toronto)
- 5th Ottawa Indian Film Festival Awards (OIFFA)
- 13th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)
- 14th International Docu and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)
- 13th KASHISH Mumbai International Queer Film Festival India 2022
- 7th Bengal International Short Film Festival (BISFF) 2022
- 12th Pune Short Film Festival (PSFF)
- 8th International Film Festival of Shimla (IFFS)

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- 5th South Asian Short Film festival (SASFF)
- 9th Siliguri Short and Documentary Film Festival (SSDFF)
- 9th Goa Short Film Festival (GSFF)
- Cut International Short Film Festival
- Hummingbird International Short Film Festival
- 3rd Roshani International Film Festival, Aurangabad (RIFF)
- 3rd Nirmal Pandey Smriti Film Festival (NPSFF), Nainital
- 2nd International Short Film Festival (ISFF), Kolkata

Official Selections

- Nashik International Short Film Festival
- Serbest International Film Festival
- Jharkhand National Film Festival
- The International Film Festival of Srinagar
- Mudhouse International Film Festival
- Behala International Film Festival
- Black Cat Award International Film Festival
- Dreamanila International Film Festival



PUNE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
2022





CAST

Balu/House-husband

Padmanabh Bind

Rani

VijayaLaxmi

Beggar

Sambhaji Bodkhe

Blind Guitarist

Bhupendra Shukla

Girl in the bus

Sudesh Sharma

Gay couple in building

Pramod Kumar and Ravi Choudhary



CREDITS

Directed by: **Ashish Madurwar**
Written by: **Ashish Madurwar**
Produced by: **Ashish Madurwar**
Director of Photography **Amit Kumar**
Production Designer **Bhaskar Gupta**
Editor **Ajay Yadav**
Sound Designer **Piyush Shah**
Singer **Mayur Patel**
Music by **Ashish Madurwar**
Art and Production Manager **Pramod Kumar**
Executive Producers **Ashish Madurwar**
Casting and Chief AD **Ravi Choudhary**



First Assistant Director:

2nd Assistant Director:

3rd Assistant Director:

Floor Runner:

Script assistant:

Location Sound:

Camera attendant:

Focus Puller:

Additional Photography:

Lyrics and Composition:

Singer:

Music recorded by:

Music Arrangement:

Music mix:

Digital Colorist:

DI Assist:

Foley and Sound Editor:

Foley Artist:

Title & End Credits

Camera Equipment:

Sound Equipment:

Food and Caterers:

Poster & EPK Designed by:

Swapnil Nangare

Bhupendra Shukla

Anuj Kumar Choudhary

Ravi Choudhary

Puja Ashish Madurwar

Kundan Kumar Pandit

Abrar Att

Durgesh Barnwal

Aadesh Pawar

Ashish Madurwar

Mayur Ramesh Patel

Saif Ishrat

Siddhartho Poddar

Vikash Kumar

Sunil Kamath

Sanjay Gupta

Rahul Gujar

Akshay and Kaushik

Sumit Kumar Gupta

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Gopal Jee, Mumbai

Bhagyashree Foods

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