
INSIGHT FILM FESTIVAL 2009

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Q: What connects Jedis with free-runners, Turbans and the Mexican cult of ancestor worship?

A: The unique Insight Film Festival!

Entries to this year's festival have come from as far afield as Taiwan and include titles such as 'Turbanology, after 7/7', 'Bride & Groom' and 'Leap of Faith' which explores the phenomenon of parkour (free-running or leaping from building to building).

With the resurgence of a focus on racial issues, the increase in fundamentalist religious beliefs and the rising popularity of extremist political parties in the UK, organisers intend the pioneering Insight Film Festival will act as a forum for community cohesion, encouraging understanding of the faiths that surround us.

Filmmakers from all religions and none have submitted works that combine to present a diverse and dynamic portrait of how we view faith in 2009.

Amongst the esteemed panel of judges are Aaqil Ahmed (Head of Religion and Ethics at the BBC), Tina Gharavi (successful Iranian/American filmmaker and screenwriter) and Liz Rymer (award-winning screenwriter and producer).

The winner of the only multi-faith film festival in the UK will receive £1000 and their entry will be screened in Brazil as well as viewed by top industry professionals.

Dr David Butler of Manchester University Screen Studies said: "The quality, imagination and relevancy of entries is impressive and the Insight Festival is providing a much-needed outlet for these kind of films."

Who?: Filmmakers, film fans, believers, media professionals, media students...anyone who fancies a day of new, cutting-edge cinema

When?: Wednesday 18th November 2009

Where?: The Zion Arts Centre, 335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA