

DAWN BREAKERS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
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Dawn Breakers International Film Festival successfully debuts in Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Attendees from around the United States and other parts of the world gathered at the Marriott Hotel on Dec. 27 and 28 for the debut of the Dawn Breakers International Film Festival (DBIFF). Presented by filmmaker and founder, Mithaq Kazimi, the DBIFF was part of this year's Grand Canyon Bahá'í Conference, an annual conference in its 24th year hosted by the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Phoenix. Over the course of two days, about 500 conference attendees viewed an eclectic array of films in genres such as animation - *Uncle Hathi*; music videos - *Armed, Son Maloso*; documentaries – *The Wayfarer, Corde, Donkey In Lahore, A boy from Jenjarom*; short films – *The Gallery, Ardia, Justice, The Prayer, Choke*, and television shows such as *Tsehai Loves Learning* and *Little Mosque on the Prairie*. These selected films came from all over the world such as India, Australia, United States, Spain, United Kingdom, Cambodia, France, Malaysia, Hungary, Pakistan, Canada and Ethiopia. Bahá'í-inspired themes include the independent investigation of truth, as sought in “The Wayfarer,” and the unifying power of religion, as represented in “Donkey in Lahore.” Other films explored the power of prayer, forgiveness, justice, equality and the contributions of the Baha'is in their communities around the world.

The overarching purpose of the DBIFF is to “let your vision be world embracing” and its mission statement is threefold: to encourage Bahá'í filmmakers throughout the world to contribute to the advancement of a New Civilization via film, to introduce and recognize Bahá'í filmmakers and/or Bahá'í-themed films from all over the world, and to invite and encourage industry professionals and the general public to participate in the process.

The DBIFF is a traveling festival and will be touring around the world henceforth. Upcoming events, list of our official selections and other updates will be posted on the DBIFF website at www.kdkfactory.com/dbiff.