

NOMINEES FOR BOLLYWOOD MOVIE AWARDS 2007 CHOSEN

Rang De Basanti, Omkara, Lage Raho Munnabhai, Dhoom 2 and Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa Lead Bollywood Award Nominations

New York, April 29, 2007- South Asian and Bollywood movie lovers in the United States, Canada, Caribbean etc have anxiously been awaiting the results for the prestigious list of nominees for the best performances and work in films of the prior year.

The performers, film-makers and technicians who have received the top five rankings have now been declared for the nominations for the Bollywood Movie Awards 2007 to be held on Saturday, May 26th, 2007 at the Nassau Coliseum, New York, where the winners will be declared. The Bollywood Movie Awards were instituted with a vision that the people of Indian origin, living outside of the South Asian subcontinent retain a warm and vibrant link with their motherland through the medium of movies.

Mr. Kamal Dandona, Chairman of the Bollywood Group of Companies, through this event, envisages building a further bridge for cultural exchange to eliminate the geographical barriers and boundaries via media, events, and entertainment. He said, "This year, I am particularly impressed with the diverse genres and treatments of the nominated films. Indian cinema is evolving and manifesting itself at great speed, continuously advancing the standards film-makers and artists must hold themselves to. It is perhaps one of the most exciting times to be a Bollywood movie-buff."

The Bollywood Movie Awards 2007 will take place on Saturday, May 26th, 2007 at the Nassau Coliseum, New York and will feature performances by not by just a handful of stars, but a galaxy of them. The celebrities slated to perform at this year's magnum opus include Bipasha Basu, Arjun Rampal, Vivek Oberoi, Urmilla Matondkar, Soha Ali Khan, Neha Dhupia, Kangana Ranaut. Mona Singh ("Jassi Jaise Koi Nahi" and winner of "Jhalak Dikhlaa"), UK's Raghav, Pakistan's top actress and singer Shahida Mini, Caribbean Singer Ricki Ramdehal and Pakistan's popular singer –Waris Beg.

Other stars confirmed to attend are Danny Glover, Mira Nair, Phylicia Rashad of *The Cosby Show*, Anupam Kher, Kirron Kher, Upen Patel, Lage Raho Munnabhai Director, Raj Kumar Hirani, Anuj Saxena and many others. State Farm Insurance will be one of the official sponsors of the Awards ceremony.

About The Bollywood Group

The Bollywood Group is a South Asian entertainment company. The Group hosts three marquee events annually - the Bollywood Movie, Music and Fashion Awards - honouring the finest Indian actors, actresses, film-makers, technicians, musicians, designers and models.

The Bollywood Group has played host to hundreds of members of the Indian film industry, business tycoons, socialites, as well as mainstream American personalities such as Michael Jackson, Richard Gere, Sharon Stone, Michael Bolton, Tyra Banks, Harvey Weinstein, Diane Von Furstenberg, Nikki Hilton, to name a diverse few.

Nominees:

Best Film

Dhoom 2 (Aditya Chopra)
Lage Raho Munnabhai (Vidhu Vinod Chopra)
Omkaara (Kumar Mangat)
Rang De Basanti (Ronnie Screwvala, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra)
Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa (Karan Johar)

Best Director

Rakesh Roshan (Krrish)
Karan Johar (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)
Rajkumar Hirani (Lage Raho Munnabhai)
Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra (Rang De Basanti)
Vishal Bharadwaj (Omkaara)

Best Actor

Aamir Khan (Rang De Basanti)
Ajay Devgan (Omkaara)
Hrithik Roshan (Dhoom 2)
Sanjay Dutt (Lage Raho Munnabhai)
Shah Rukh Khan (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)

Best Actress

Aishwarya Rai (Dhoom 2)
Bipasha Basu (Corporate)
Kajol (Fanaa)
Kareena Kapoor (Omkaara)
Rani Mukerjee (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)

Best Actor in A Supporting Role (Male)

Abhishek Bachchan (Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna)
Arshad Warsi (Lage Raho Munnabhai)
Kunal Kapoor (Rang De Basanti)
John Abraham (Baabul)
Vivek Oberoi (Omkaara)

Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Female)

Kirron Kher (Rang De Basanti)
Konkona Sen Sharma (Omkaara)
Preity Zinta (Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna)
Soha Ali Khan (Rang De Basanti)
Ameesha Patel (Ankahee)

Best Actor In A Negative Role (Male/Female)

Aamir Khan (Fanaa)
Esha Deol (Ankahee)
Saif Ali Khan (Omkaara)
Shah Rukh Khan (Don)
Shiney Ahuja (Gangster)

Best Actor In A Comic Role (Male/Female)

Chunky Panday (Apna Sapna Money Money)
Anupam Kher (Khosla Ka Ghosla)
Arshad Warsi (Lage Raho Munnabhai)
Tushaar Kapoor (Golmaal)
Uday Chopra (Dhoom2)

Best Music Director

Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna (Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy)
Rang De Basanti (AR Rahman)
Omkaara (Vishal Bharadwaj)
Dhoom 2 (Pritam)
Pyaar Ke Side Effects (Pritam)

Best Playback Singer (Male)

KK (Tu Hi Meri Shab Hai – Gangster)
Shaan (Chand Sifarish – Fanaa)
Sonu Nigam (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa - Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)
Sukhwinder Singh (Omkaara – Omkaara)
Himesh Reshmiya (Jhalak Dikhalaja - Aksar)

Best Playback Singer (Female)

Alka Yagnik (Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna - Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna)
Rekha Bharadwaj (Namak Ishq – Omkaara)
Madhushree (Tu Bin Bataye - Rang De Basanti)
Sunidhi Chauhan (Beedi Jalai Le - Omkaara)
Shreya Ghosal (Pal Pal - Lage Raho Munnabhai)

Best Lyrics

Gulzar (Beedi Jalayale – Omkaara)
Javed Akhtar (Mitwa – Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna)
Prasoon Joshi (Subhanallah – Fanaa)
Swanand Kirkire (Bande Mein Tha Dum – Lage Raho Munnabhai)
Prasoon Joshi (Rubaroo - Rang De Basanti)

Best Story

Dhoom 2 (Vijay Krishna Acharya)
Lage Raho Munnabhai (Rajkumar Hirani / Abhijit Joshi)
Rang De Basanti (Kamlesh Pandey)
Fanaah (Shibani Bathija)
Karan Johar (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)

Best Screenplay

Lage Raho Munnabhai (Rajkumar Hirani, Abhijit Joshi)
Pyaar Ke Side/Effects (Saket Choudhary)
Rang De Basanti (Rensil D'Silva, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra)
Robin Bhatt & Honey Irani (Krrish)
Karan Johar (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)

Best Dialogue

Fanaa (Kunal Kohli)
Lage Raho Munnabhai (Rajkumar Hirani)
Omkaara (Vishal Bharadwaj)
Rang De Basanti (Prasoon Joshi, Rensil D'Silva)
Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna (Niranjan Iyengar)

Best Editing

Lage Raho Munnabhai (Rajkumar Hirani)
Rang De Basanti (PS Bharathi)
Amitabh Shukla (Krrish)
V. N. Mayekar (Vivah)
Rameshwar S. Bhagat (Dhoom 2)

Best Sound

Don (Andrew Belletty)
Krrish (Jitendra Choudhary)
Omkaara (K J Singh)
Rang De Basanti (Nakul Kamte)
Dhoom 2 (Dwarak Warrior)

Best Cinematography

K. U. Mohanan (aka Mohanan) (Don)
Binod Pradhan (Rang De Basanti)
Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna (Anil Mehta)
Omkaara (Tassaduq Hussain)
Dhoom (Vikas Sivaraman & Nirav Shah)

Best Art Direction

Don (Aradhana Sheth)
Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna (Sharmistha Roy)
Omkaara (Samir Chanda)
Rang De Basanti (Samir Chanda)
Omung Bhandula (Corporate)

Best Choreography

Shiamak Davar (Dhoom – Dhoom 2)
Farah Khan (Where's The Party Tonight - Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna)
Ganesh Acharya (Beedi Jalayale – Omkaara)
Ganesh Acharya (Masti Ki Pathshala – Rang De Basanti)
Ahmed Khan (Aashiqui Mein Teri - 36 China Town)

Best Debut- Male

Siddharth (Rang De Basanti)
Upen Patel (36 China Town)
Vinod Sherawat (Gafila)
Rehaan Khan (Jaana –Let's fall in love)
Amarjit (Iqraar – By Chance)

Best Debut – Female

Kangana Ranaut (Gangster)
Onjolie Nair (Holiday)
Alice Patten (Rang De Basanti)
Bhumicka Singh (Aap Ki Khatir)
Vipasha Agarwal (I See You)

Best Costume Designer

Manish Malhotra (Kabhi Alvida Na Kehnaa)
Lovleen Bains & Arjun Bhasin (Rang De Basanti)
Aki Narula (Don)
Sabyaschi (Baabul)
Anna Singh and Abu Sandeep (Umrao Jaan)