



International Competition : Innovation in Moving Images

Country : India

Chalchitra Ekhon

Kaleidoscope Now

2023 / Colour / 89 minutes / Bengali



Director : Anjan Dutt

Producer : Anjan Dutt

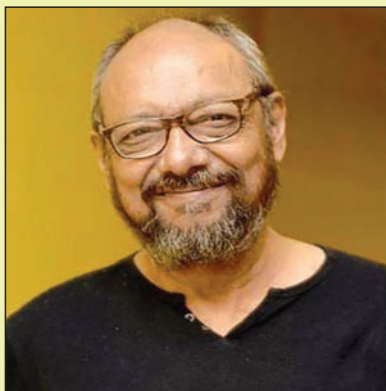
Cinematographer : Pravantendu Mondal

Editor : Arghyakamal Mitra

Music : Neel Dutt

Cast : Anjan Dutt, Sawon Chakraborty

Synopsis : A film based on true events. A film made to celebrate the birth anniversary of the legendary filmmaker Mrinal Sen. Anjan Dutt, the popular actor, singer and filmmaker started his career with Mrinal Sen. This film is about their first experience and the shooting of Mrinal Sen's film *Chalchitra*. A comedy about a 26 year old Ranjan Dutt (Anjan Dutt) who is selected by a 57-year-old great filmmaker Kunal Sen (Mrinal Sen) and their friendship. A film based on the story of making of a film and how Ranjan Dutt slowly gets to understand his city Kolkata through various funny and emotional sequences. A story about how a filmmaker changes his hero's understanding of life. How the filmmaker changes his perception of the city. How an actor finds his roots.



Director's Biography : Anjan Dutt is an eminent filmmaker, actor- in both film and theatre, singer and songwriter of contemporary India, Dutt began as an actor during 1970s, in the experimental theatre scene of Kolkata and was one of the most exciting faces of radical theatre and cinema from 1970s to 1980s. He began his film career as the lead actor in Mrinal Sen's *Chalchitra* (Kaleidoscope) for which he won the Alitalia Award for the Best Newcomer Actor at the Venice Film Festival in 1981. He then went on to act in subsequent Sen films, including *Kharij* (The Case is Dismissed), that won the Prix du Jury at Cannes in 1982, as well as in films by leading Indian filmmakers such as Buddhadeb Dasgupta and Aparna Sen. As a filmmaker, he immediately scored commercial and critical success with *The Bong Connection*, a youthful romantic comedy spanning over US and India. Dutt's *Ranjana Ami Ar Ashbo Na* (Ranjana, I ain't coming back) won the National Film Award for the Best Feature Film in Bengali in 2012, as well as won for him the Special Jury Prize for Best Actor. His films have been screened at some of the leading international film festivals of the world such as Madrid Munich, Dubai, Singapore, Hanoi and Dhaka.