



Special Screening

Country : India

## Porshi Neeler Aarshinagar

Beyond the Blues

2023 / Colour / 63 minutes / Bengali



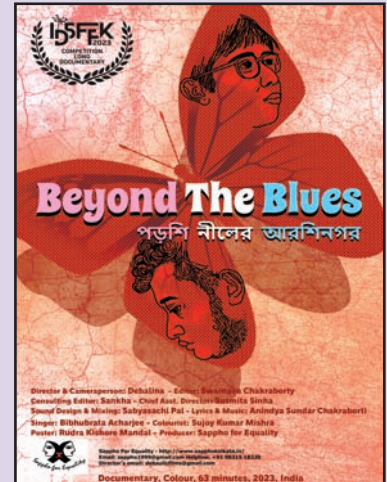
**Director :** Debalina Majumder

**Cinematographer :** Debalina Majumder

**Editor :** Swarnava Chakraborty

**Music :** Sabyasachi Pal

**Synopsis :** What does it mean to not just break binaries, but to queer them too? When Neel decides to transition from his assigned gender at birth he is rendered homeless having to leave his parental home. But does he find the expected/promised shelter in his affirmed gender? Does he find familiarity in his chosen-lived life? *Beyond the blues* is the story of Neel and Shamu, in their individual and collective journeys of breaking and unmaking binaries, never quite settling down in the comfort of borders and categorizations. It is the story of finding love and resilience in quiet corners, feline kinships and vibrant colours of the rainbow. It is a promise to hold hands, walk in strength and solidarity, to facilitate newer journeys.



**Director's Biography :** Debalina Majumder, is an independent filmmaker, cameraperson and photographer, based in Kolkata, India. In a career spanning more than quarter of a century, Debalina has worked in various segments of the entertainment and news industry, beginning her filmmaking career with *Kee Katha Tahar Sathe...*, a documentary on trans women in India. Debalina's films are regularly screened in classrooms, community spaces, as part of awareness building measures as well as in film festivals across the world. Debalina has just finished *Beyond the Blues*, on transmasculine lives lived with feminist convictions.