



MAMI Presents the India Premiere of Shubhashish Bhutiani's acclaimed film *Mukti Bhawan* hosted by Le Reve Cinemas, Bandra

Mukti Bhawan World Premiered at the 73rd Venice International Film Festival 2016 to a 10 minute standing ovation

Mumbai, March 31, 2017: This Friday the MAMI year round programme screened the acclaimed film *Mukti Bhawan*. *Mukti Bhawan* had its world premiere at the 73rd Venice International Film Festival and has since then been showcased at the Busan international Film Festival and the Dubai International Film Festival.

Mukti Bhawan is the story of a reluctant son who must take his father to the holy city of Varanasi, where his father believes he will breathe his last and attain salvation. In the city, the two check into *Mukti Bhawan*, a hotel that is dedicated to people who are all waiting to die. The only stipulation is that they do so in 15 days or check out.

The film is written and directed by Shubhashish Bhutiani and produced by Sanjay Bhutiani, Sajida Sharma and Shubhashish Bhutiani under the banner Red Carpet Moving Pictures.

The lead cast includes Adil Hussain, Lalit Behl, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Palomi Ghosh, Navnindra Behl and Anil K Rastogi.

The house full screening was attended by film lovers and personalities such as MAMI Chairperson Kiran Rao, Randeep Hooda, Patralekha, Atul Kulkarni, Tisca Chopra, Tanishaa Mukerji, Alankrita Shrivastava, Kanu Behl and the cast of the movie Lalit Behl, Adil Hussain and Geetanjali Kulkarni as well as director Shubhashish Bhutiani & producer Sanjay Bhutiani.

The screening was followed by a Q&A session with the cast, crew and director which was moderated by director Alankrita Shrivastava (Lipstick Under My Burkha).

Smriti Kiran, Creative Director, Mumbai Film Festival said, "Shubhashish is a strong new cinematic voice and we are delighted that we are hosting the India premiere of his first feature Mukti Bhawan. MAMI's year round programme that is gaining ground every week is our big ambition this year for film lovers in this city. MAMI will continue to bring stellar films to audiences in the city. We will be releasing our April calendar soon with a host of exciting films."

Shubhashish Bhutiani, Director said, "Exactly on this day year ago we finished shooting Mukti Bhawan and today is the premiere of our film with the support of MAMI. I am really glad that it is being watched by industry folks and film lovers together."

The film will release in theatres on 7th April 2017.

The feedback on the film was great....

Actor Tisca Chopra said, "I was touched, amused, bemused and charmed by a subject so dark, absolutely amazing film and a must watch."

Actor Atul Kulkarni, "I think very few films in India bring out the relationship between a father and a son at 42 years old."

Director Alankrita Shrivastava, "I really enjoyed the film, in fact for me the portrayal was so real."

Actor Randeep Hooda, "It made me laugh, it made me cry, think about the more important things in my life, it's a bit late now but I'm going to call my dad."