



**THE MAMI YEAR ROUND PROGRAMME IN ASSOCIATION  
WITH MVP ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS THE INDIA  
PREMIERE OF THE BIG SICK**

**- Starring Anupam Kher, screenplay by comedian–Kumail Nanjiani -**

Mumbai, Wednesday, June 28, 2017: The MAMI Year round programme in association with MVP Entertainment presented the India Premiere of director Michael Showalter's ***The Big Sick*** at PVR ECX, Andheri, Mumbai.

Actor Anupam Kher and MAMI festival director Anupama Chopra introduced the film to excited members of the year round programme.

The premiere was attended by well-known personalities and actors- Vikramaditya Motwane, Harshvardhan Kapoor, Nina Gupta, Ranvir Shorey, Kirti Kulhari, Tanuja Chandra, Adhiraj Bose, Akshay Roy and Naveen Kasturia.

***The Big Sick*** is an American romantic comedy film directed by Michael Showalter. The story is based on the real-life romance of writer Emily V Gordon (The Carmichael Show) and comedian Kumail Nanjiani, who wrote the script together. It stars Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan, Holly Hunter, Ray Romano, Adeel Akhtar and Anupam Kher.

The film revolves around Kumail a comic who meets an American graduate student named Emily at one of his stand-up shows. As their relationship blossoms, he soon becomes worried about what his traditional Muslim parents will think of her. When Emily suddenly comes down with an illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing a bond with her deeply concerned mother and father.

MAMI Creative Director, Smriti Kiran said, " We have a killer line up this month at the MAMI Year Round Programme. The range of films is phenomenal. Last week we screened Netflix's Okja, this week MVP has given us The Big Sick followed by Sony's Baby Driver. Apart from screenings, from next month onwards we are doing a soft launch of our workshops. These workshops plus an all India footprint is the next big step for the MAMI year round programme."

Mr. Sunil Udhani, Country Head, MVP Entertainment said, "MVP Entertainment is really happy to release a special film like The Big Sick in India, which is one of the first countries outside the US to see the film theatrically. With a cross-cultural romance at the heart of it, will endear itself to the Indian audiences and leave you with a warm and fuzzy feeling. MAMI was a great platform to showcase the film for the first time and we're thrilled with the response from the film club members as well as the celebrities who saw it."

The film had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival on January 20, 2017 and was released on June 23, 2017, by Amazon Studios and Lionsgate.

Below are a few comments on the film:

Harshvardhan Kapoor commented, "It just explores so many complex emotions and dynamics between people and cultures. It's a great film, it's a gem."

Ranvir Shorey, "Fabulous film, I really loved it. After a long time I have seen a film which has a strong South-Asian story set in the US, and it bridges those gaps which are between this world and that world. Really well-written, really well performed, I think Mr. Kher was amazing in the film. It was really an experience watching this. "

Sikandar Kher, "This is what a great movie should make you feel like-it made me cry and laugh and it was just fantastic."

Anupam Kher said, "This was my 5<sup>th</sup> time watching the film and it was the best experience so far."

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