

a Munsur Ali film

SHONGRAM

The struggle for love and survival – Bangladesh 1971

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Munsur Ali's 'Shongram' is planned for release in December 2017.

Already a hit at a string of film festivals, 'Shongram' will be coming to the big screen soon, as the world hears of the painful birth of Bangladesh through the film made by a British Bangladeshi film maker, Munsur Ali.

'**Shongram**' is a romantic drama set during the 1971 Bangladesh liberation struggle, starring Anupam Kher (Silver Linings Playbook, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge), Hollywood and star Asia Argento (Triple X - starring Vin Diesel) alongside talented Bangladeshi artists Dilruba Yasmeen Ruhee and Aaman Reza.

A young Karim and Asha fall in love in the most testing of times. This becomes a complicated relationship, as Karim is a Muslim boy and Asha is a Hindu girl - that is just one aspect which provides a rollercoaster journey for the two protagonists. Karim is soon forced to go underground and join a small band of freedom fighters. He must play his role for the cause before he can finally search for the love of his life.

Producer, Writer and Director by **Munsur Ali**, who made the film in search of his roots and to share the story of the Bangladesh Liberation War to a global audience, Shongram was premiered at the **London Indian Film Festival**, a **first time** a British Bengali film was premiered in London's **Leicester Square** amongst Hollywood and Bollywood titles, then a string of festival and prestigious screenings followed, including '**Kolkata International Film Festival**' in the 'Asian Select' category and nominated for a 'Netpac Award,' **East End Film Festival** and Darpan (Singapore).

"It's not enough to make films for a Bengali audience only, we need to export stories to share our experiences and to compete on the world stage," says film maker Munsur Ali.

Munsur Ali is now planning his new film called '**Cinema**,' which will be shot in India, Bangladesh and the UK and again with a mixed cast from the three countries. More details on his film production website www.mafilms.co.uk

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