

a Munsur Ali film

# SHONGRAM

The struggle for love and survival – Bangladesh 1971

## PRESS RELEASE



Munsur Ali's **Shongram** is planned for release in April, to coincide with the Bengali New Year.

Already a hit at a string of film festivals, **Shongram** continues to go strong 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 star Asia Argento (Triple X - starring Vin Diesel) alongside talented Bangladeshi artists Dilruba Yasmeen Ruhee and Aman 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** had a very successful festival run including the **London Indian Film Festival**, **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.

This is the first time a film made by a British Bangladeshi will be releasing nationally.

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