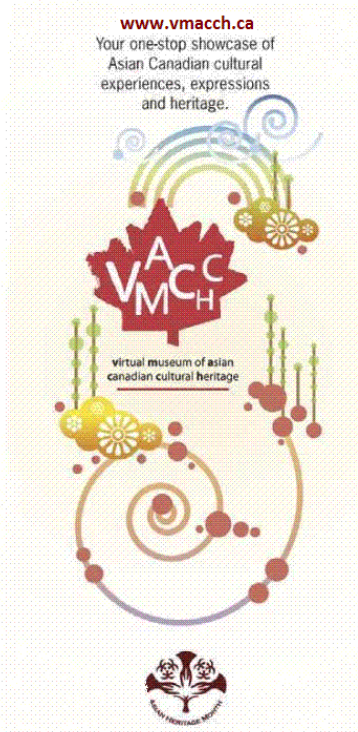


# ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH FESTIVAL 2013

... showcasing cultural expressions and  
experiences of Asian Canadians



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THE FIFTH ANNUAL

## ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH FILM FESTIVAL

Programmed by ReelWorld Film Festival Canadian Features Programmer Bobby Del Rio

### 2:30 pm *Chinese Restaurants: On the Islands*

*\*Chinese Restaurants: On the Islands* tells story of the Chinese diaspora told through its most recognizable and enduring icon - the family-run Chinese restaurant. Filmmaker Cheuk Kwan takes us on a tour of restaurants in Mauritius, Trinidad, and Cuba, showing us Chinese communities that have become an integral part of these sensual and seductive islands in the sun (Info. from <http://chineserestaurants.tv>)

### 4:30 pm Panel on "The Future of Asian Filmmaking"

Panelists: Directors Cheuk Kwan, Dev Khanna, Shaleen Sangha, Michael L. Suan  
Moderated by Bobby Del Rio, ReelWorld Film Festival

### 6:00 pm Festival of Asian Canadian Short Films:

*The Evening News, Sohni Sapna, Unlocked, Audition Day, The Change, Calcutta Taxi*

*\*The Evening News (Director Dev Khanna):* A film about age, time and regret. Unable to sleep, an elderly man, then turns to his wife to confess the very moment he fell in love with her. Unfolding in real time, it is a simple, quiet yet very powerful film on the necessity to speak what we feel.

*\*Sohni Sapna (Beautiful Dream)(Director Shaleen Sangha):* Sohni is in love with a dream. Her dreams are the sequel to the old Indian folk tale she heard all her life, 'Sohni Mahiwal'. In this tragic love story, the lovers meet every night, despite opposition. Sohni comes to believe she is the reincarnation of the heroine in 'Sohni Mahiwal' and she drifts further away from reality. When her husband discovers her secret romance with her dreams, she is forced to make a **choice** between her dreams and reality. Oscar-winning composer Mychael Danna (Life of Pi) did the score for "Sohni Sapna" (info. from [imdb.com](http://imdb.com))

*\*Unlocked (Director Mio Adilman):* A twenty-something guy named B (played by Bobby Del Rio), who lives at home with his mom (Jean Yoon) in downtown Toronto. He relies on his bike to get around the city, but finds it double-locked several times by careless cyclists. Consequently, he blows up: he writes a hateful note to one of the offending parties, and another time just walks away with someone else's bike.

*\*Audition Day (Director Spencer Spencer Idenouye):* What happens when two actor friends compete for the role of a lifetime?

*The Change (Director Sam Cole):* To follow the crowd, To be safe or Take the biggest risk of your life. Watch Ashi decide.

*\*Calcutta Taxi (Director Vikram Dasgupta):* A young Art College student Aditya Chaterji finds his backpack and belongings stolen on the day of a political strike. Meanwhile Bakul Bihari faces the opportunity of a lifetime to win big for his glorious though covetous efforts to help a poor boy in distress. ReelWorld Film Festival showcases and promotes work by emerging and established racially diverse artists including those from Aboriginal, Asian, Black, Latino, Middle Eastern, South Asian and other visibly diverse backgrounds.

**FREE ADMISSION | Please register at [asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca](mailto:asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca)**

**Sunday May 26, 2013**

**Innis Town Hall, University of Toronto, 2 Sussex Avenue**

Map at <http://www.utoronto.ca/townhall/contact.html> (St. George Stn)

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