

Date of Screening: 27/01/2025 5.30 p.m. Venue: Sri Sarathi Studios



Abhaas (Prologue) feature film in Hindi (2017) by Bijaya Jena

The film is about the strengths and weaknesses of the guilt complex. A moment's weakness can make one guilty and destroy the person.

The film was shown under restored classics at **Cannes**, Berlin and Venice Film Festivals.

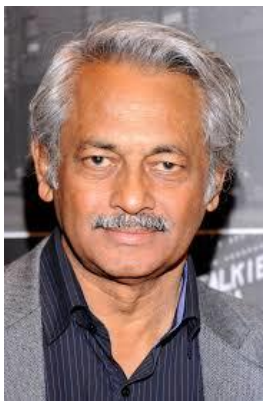


Bijaya Jena is a feature film director, actress, scriptwriter and producer. She made her first film TARA in Odia in 1992 and won the national award for best Feature Film in Oriya.



Adoor Gopalakrishnan
(Internationally well-known film-maker)

“Bijaya Jena's ABHAAS is a quiet film; impressive in its persuasive charm, it is unhurried in pace and perceptive in treatment”



Girish Kasarvalli
(Award-winning Indian film-maker)

“I find the way [ABHAAS]unfolds - without any high-pitched drama, at a pace which is pensive but contemplative...interesting. Photography has added a lot to the mood. Some artists have given good performances”

“A lovely film. Classical and exotic in its setting and production. It is quite a grand spectacle so sad and epic too. The characters are very interesting and well-realized, it feels literary and I mean that in a good sense”

Peter Belsito (Indiewire, USA)