



TASVEER ANNOUNCES
**AN EVENING WITH ACADEMY AWARD WINNING
PAKISTANI FILMMAKER SHARMEEN OBAID CHINOY**
Thursday September 13, 2018 6:30 p.m.
Pigott Auditorium, Seattle University

SEATTLE—Tasveer is delighted to launch the 13th Tasveer South Asian Film Festival (TSAFF) with a very special evening with two-time Academy Award-winning Pakistani filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy. She is the only female director to have been awarded two Academy Awards by the age of 37 and the only Oscar-winning filmmaker from Pakistan. TSAFF2018 takes place Sept 28-Oct 7 with over 60 films from 10 South Asian countries screened in venues in five cities in the Greater Seattle area.

The program will feature a sneak peek at the programming for TSAFF2018, a screening of Obaid Chinoy's Oscar-winning documentary *A Girl in the River*, followed by a discussion with Obaid Chinoy regarding her work as a documentary filmmaker from Pakistan. Also showcased will be two of Obaid Chinoy's VR films, which she produced with Chris Milk.

For the past four years, TSAFF has given out the Tasveer Emerald Award to one filmmaker who has made a significant contribution in film in South Asia. Given Obaid Chinoy's trailblazing work and contribution in promoting the genre of documentary film in Pakistan, Tasveer has decided to award the Tasveer Emerald Award for 2018 to Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy. The award will be presented to her at the launch event.

Founded in March 2002, Tasveer is a vibrant platform for artistic expression serving Seattle's South Asian community—those with roots in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. Tasveer is dedicated to providing a space and stage for South Asians to share their truths aloud, without being stifled by culture, community, fear, or stigma. Through films, visual art, stage performances, and--most importantly--dialogue among artists, activists, and the community, Tasveer brings to light difficult issues that demand attention and discussion.

Tasveer produces the annual Tasveer South Asian Film Festival, now in it's thirteenth year. Learn more about the festival at <http://tsaff.tasveer.org/>.

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