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Tasveer Launches TSAFF 2018 with Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy and presents her the 2018 Tasveer Emerald Award



Tasveer Executive Director Rita Meher presents the 2018 Tasveer Emerald Award to Pakistani documentary filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy. Photo credit: SnapShots Photography.

Sept 13th SEATTLE: Tasveer hosted a special launch event for the 13th Tasveer South Asian Film Festival at Seattle University Pigott Auditorium. The program featured a screening of the Oscar-winning film *A Girl In the River: The Price of Forgiveness*, by two-time Academy Award-winning Pakistani documentary filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, who was present for the event. Following the screening, Obaid-Chinoy engaged in a conversation about her work with Tasveer programming director and

Seattle-based producer Laila Kazmi and engaged with the audience in a Q/A regarding working as a documentary filmmaker in Pakistan and her passion for journalistic inquiry into important issues of equity in Pakistan and around the world.



Tasveer Programming Director, producer Laila Kazmi in conversation with two-time Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy. Photo credit: SnapShots Photography.

Also at the event, Tasveer presented Obaid-Chinoy with the 2018 Tasveer Emerald Award in recognition of her contribution to film in South Asia. During the 13-year history of the Tasveer South Asian Film Festival, this award has only been given to four filmmakers. “We are delighted to present the Emerald Award this year to Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy given her significant work on social justice and women’s rights through her documentary films,” said Tasveer Executive Director Rita Meher.

Obaid-Chinoy’s virtual reality film series *Look But With Love*, produced in collaboration with Chris Milk, will be showcased during the festival Sept 29-30 at the SIFF Film Center and on Oct 1 at the Bellevue Art Museum.

For more information and full schedule of programs at the 13th Tasveer South Asian Film Festival visit tasveer.org.

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