



# Arizona International Film Festival



## Tucson Chinese Cultural Center Hosts Arizona International Film Festival 16

The 16<sup>th</sup> Arizona International Film Festival has joined forces with the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center for a program of films of international interest to be presented at the Center. The collaboration begins Saturday, 21 April, 2007 with the Opening Night Reception at 6:30pm followed by the Arizona premiere screening of *A Dream in Doubt*.

*A Dream in Doubt* is about Arizonan Rana Singh Shodi and his efforts to promote racial equality in memory of his murdered brother, the first victim of a hate crime just days after the attacks of September 11, 2001. The film's story of perseverance resonates of all victims whose perceived heritage makes them into targets of hate crimes. Mr. Shodi, the film's director-producer Tami Yeager, and co-producer Preetmohan Singh will be present at the screening and will lead a discussion of issues raised by this important film with the audience after the screening.

The Tucson Chinese Cultural Center is located at 1288 West River Road. Admission is \$15.00 for the Opening Night Reception and Screening, \$10.00 for the screening and discussion.

*A Dream in Doubt* kicks off a week of Festival events, including *Black, White, and Yellow* by University of Arizona filmmaker Nicole Koschmann. Her new documentary about cross-cultural adoption plays Wednesday, 25 April, at 7:30. Koschmann's film tells the story of her adopted sister Mei-Joy. Filmed in Hong Kong, Japan, and Chicago, the documentary traverses the complex terrain of national, local, and individual identities. Ms. Koschmann will be present for discussion after the screening, admission to this program is free

The Arizona International Film Festival is an annual celebration of independent film presented by the Arizona Media Arts Center. "Bridging Cultures" is the principle driving various thematic strands of the Festival every year. Bridging Cultures highlights the ways contemporary independent cinema enables images and voices of diverse cultures to travel—from continent to continent, from country to country, from mainstream to fringe, from race to race, from gender to gender, from generation to generation—or wherever people have discovered the media can take them

The 16<sup>th</sup> Arizona International Film Festival runs April 20-29. For more info on the Festival and films being presented, visit the website at [www.filmfestivalarizona.com](http://www.filmfestivalarizona.com).