

## Five Top-Notch Films On Way to Big Sky Festival



A still from Iranian Film "Water, Wind, Dust, Bread" by Mehdi Zamanpur Kiasari.

TEHRAN (Honaronline) – Five Iranian movies will compete in the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, which will take place from February 17 to 26 in Missoula, Montana.

"Kak Iraj" by Jamshid Farajvand, "Water, Wind, Dust, Bread" by Mehdi Zamanpur Kiasari, "Adam and Eve" by Saeed Taji Farouky, "The Dream of a Horse" by Marjan Khosravi and "Giselou" by Mohammad-Sadeq Esmaili will be screened in different sections of the festival.

The short documentary "Kak Iraj" is about the part gardener and part artist, Kak Iraj, who makes all his tools from discarded materials. Living off the grid in a house made of stone, dirt, and old televisions he scours the land for useful detritus to maintain his impressive garden. Following him over the shifting seasons of a year Kak Iraj examines an unconventional lifestyle in a desolate and remote region of Iran.

"Water, Wind, Dust, Bread" follows two children Abolfazl and Setayesh in a remote border region of Iran as they play, work, study and struggle to support themselves.

"Adam and Eve" tells the story of a woman who seeks a divorce from her husband when his dishonesty comes to light. As she attempts to start her own farm and build her own home away from him she struggles with the strict divorce laws in Iran.

In "The Dream of a Horse", Shahnaz, the oldest daughter of a nomad family, loves writing and her stories are inspired by her lifestyle. Her father wants to marry her off to better the family's condition, but Shahnaz wants to pursue bigger dreams.

"Giselou" is about Zahra, whose husband abandoned her and her children 5 years ago. In order to acquire her children's birth certificates and finalize her divorce, she is forced to go looking for her husband in Afghanistan. This film follows Zahra on a brave and harrowing journey to gain independence and secure a future for her children.

"Rooted in the heart of the mountain west, the Big Sky Film Institute nurtures and elevates non-fiction films that have the power to transform our world, our culture, our youth and ourselves," the organizers of the Big Sky festival said.

## Philippines' Pambujan Hosts 'Kan Pamemar'



TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian feature 'Kan Pamemar' has been slated to take part in the Pambujan International Film Festival in the Philippines.

Directed and produced by Ashkan Darvishi, the film will go on screen at the 8th edition of the event.

'Kan Pamemar' is a narrative of the arduous life of the labor kids, who live in disadvantaged neighborhoods of the city. The film also has an eye on supporting little immigrant Afghan girls.

Siamak Safari, Babak Nouri, Alireza Ostadi, Neda Hosseini,

Sirous Hemmati, Mehdi Tarokh and Fariba Kowsari are notable among the cast members of the flick.

Launched in 2009, the Pambujan International Film Festival helps encourage and educate the community to unleash their potential in art.

The event runs under the motto 'Dare to Dream', pushing the people to develop their artistry instead of just mere observers.

The 2023 edition of the festival will be held in Pambujan, Eastern Philippines on December 15-16.

# Yazd Opens Int'l Storytelling Festival

TEHRAN (IP) - The 24th International Storytelling Festival kicked off on Sunday, in Yazd Province, central Iran, with the slogan 'Story is the voice of life'.

The Deputy Head of the Center for the Intellectual Development of Child and Adolescent for Cultural Affairs Mahmoud Moravvej delivered a speech in the opening ceremony and called the festival the most social event in Iran.

The Executive Manager of the festival Aliyeh Ghavami said that the world's second city was hosting the international event.

Ten narrators from across the world will attend the 24th edition of the International Storytelling Festival to share tales from their folk cultures during the Iranian event.

The 24th International Storytelling Festival continues until January 19.



## Social Drama Premieres at Dhaka Festival



A still from Iranian feature film 'The Last snow'.

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian feature film 'The Last snow' has been on screen at

the 2023 Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF) in Bangladesh.

Directed by Amir-Hossein Asgari, the flick will be among the 24 works to compete at the Asian Film Competition program of the 21st edition of the Bangladeshi festival.

'The Last Snow' is the story of a veterinarian's day to day life. He goes wolf hunting through the cold nights of the place he lives in.

Notable among the cast members of the flick are Amin Hayaee, Ladan Mostofi and Majid Salehi.

Some 200 films from 60 countries are competing at the DIFF in the following

categories: Asian Competition Section, Retrospective, Bangladesh Panorama, Cinema of the World, Children's Film, Short and Independent Film, Women Filmmakers Section, and Spiritual Films Section.

The festival's website states the DIFF is a bold expression of resistance against the decadence, vulgarity and cheap commercialism that pervades the mainstream Bangladesh film industry.

The 21st edition of the Dhaka fest kicked off on January 14 and it is set to wrap up on January 22, 2023.

## Bestselling Children's Book Translated Into Persian

TEHRAN (IBNA) -- Persian translation of the illustrated Children's book 'Poor Puppy and Bad Kitty' (2012) by American author and illustrator Nick Bruel has been translated into Persian and published.

The book has been rendered into Persian by Farmehr Monjezi. Tehran-based Mitchka Publishing has released 'Poor Puppy and Bad Kitty' in 40 pages.

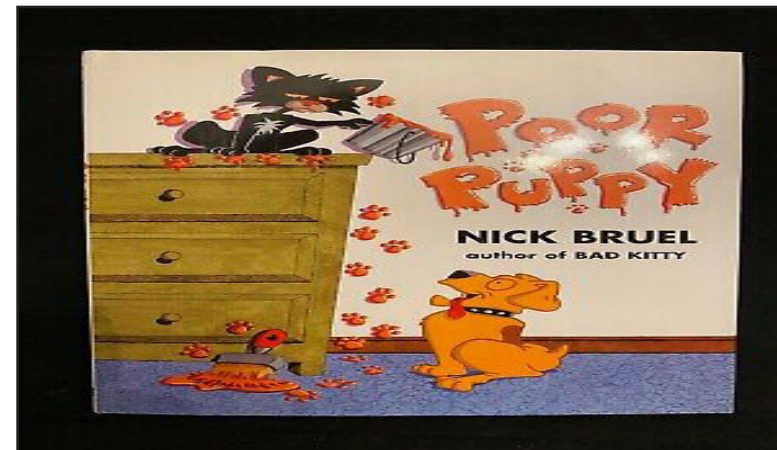
PUPPY GETS HIS OWN BOOK. Kitty's best friend stars in this zany companion to the best selling BAD KITTY.

Poor, poor Puppy: Kitty isn't interested in playing, so all puppy's left with are: 1 Airplane, 2 Balls, 3 Cars, 4 Dolls... and 22 other toys. When he's done, Puppy's so tired, he takes a nap- and dreams of playing apple bobbing in Antarctica, Baseball in Brazil, Checkers in Canada, Dodgeball in Denmark... and 22 other games.

Who else but Nick Bruel could combine the alphabet, a counting game, a whirlwind geography course, and a screamingly funny story... all in 40 pages (previously titled Poor Puppy)?

'Booklist' comments on this work: "Each colorful picture is crammed full of delicious detail; adults using the book with children will be able to come up with

plenty of visual games to play." Nicholas Tung Ming Bruel is the phenomenally successful New York Times bestselling 'Bad Kitty' series, including the 2012 and 2013 CBC Children's Choice Book Award winners 'Bad Kitty Meets the Baby' and 'Bad Kitty for President'.



## Picture of the Day



On the 25th day of winter, snow covered the city of Tehran.

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