

## **'Act of Choice'**

### **'A movie by GBU students in Los Angeles for 6 International selections'**

In year 2013, over 300 students and faculties of Gautam Buddha University abuted their hands for a 2 hours feature film 'Act of Choice'. The movie was directed by 'Mayank Singh', a 2nd year Mechanical Engg. student and production was managed by producer 'Pankhi Vatsa', a 2nd year Biotech Engg. student. The film was made with heartfelt encouragement, motivation and support of Dr. Shweta Anand, Dean of Management and Chairperson Cultural Council & Dr. Athar Hussain, HOD of Civil Engg., GBU. The film group namely 'SDS aka Shaping dreams to sky' is a homogeneous composition of 30 main members, not a couple of them are from any common field of study & background but they share a common passion.



**CREACTIVE**

INTERNATIONAL OPEN FILM FESTIVAL

# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY  
PRESENTED TO

*Act Of Choice*

DIRECTED BY MAYANK SINGH  
PRODUCED BY PANKHI VATSA  
FROM INDIA

*At the CreActive International Open Film Festival (IOFF)  
On 10-14 June 2016  
For being selected as one of*

**THE SEMI-FINALISTS**

*Among 4000+ submissions from 105 countries and  
it was judged by 338 international juries from 105 countries  
Your certificate code is IOFF1686, and it can be  
Verified on our official website: [www.ioffestival.org](http://www.ioffestival.org)*



*Ashraf Shrivastava*

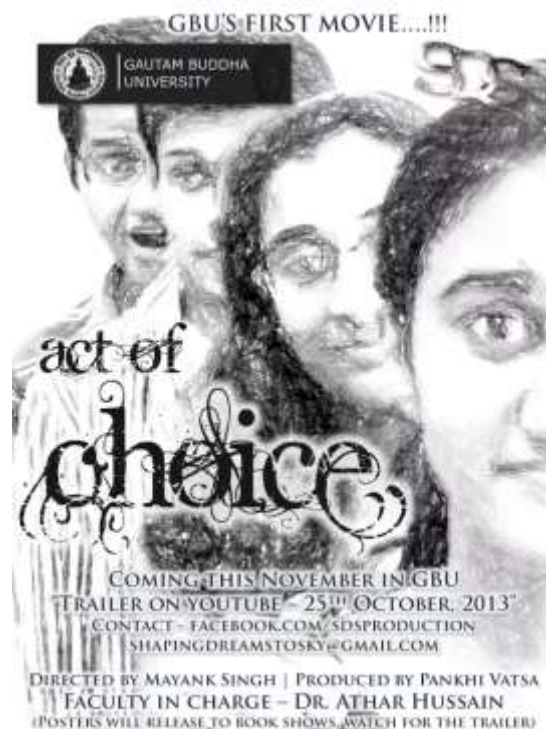
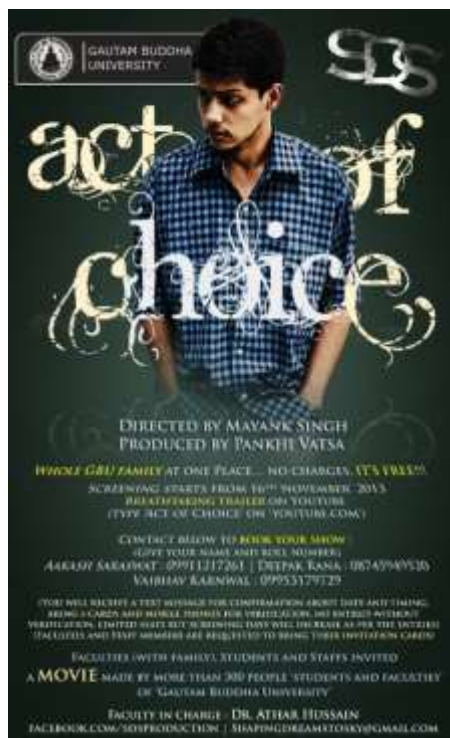
FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

PRESENTED BY



With no background, no experience in film making, no professional equipment, it is a startling news that this student budgeted project was the only Indian film, that too by students to get nominated in 'Los Angeles Cinefest' in December 2015, an international film festival in Los Angeles, also known as the city of Hollywood. The film was nominated in, 'Best Feature film' & 'Best Feature Film Trailer' categories having global competition with merely 12 & 8 respective nominees, none of which were from India. The film was also the contender of 'Audience Choice' category i.e. public voting. Fourth nomination is under 'Best trailer' category in 'Selby International Short Film Festival', a UK based film festival to be held in 2016. The film is hard work of 10 months and portrays the story of a young boy 'Harsh', who aspires to live his dream of becoming an actor but confronts the biased choices of his mentors, society & parents. Harsh participates in a play in his college and he starts feeling a deeper connection when story of the play starts relating a lot to his own.

'Choice is a trait that defines us & one should dare to live for her/his dreams. Satisfaction over compromised success' is the message through the inspirational story of Harsh.



### Feats of 'Act of Choice', a movie by GBU students

Young age is often limned with curiosity and alacrity to try new shoes and walk new paths, and if fostered properly, wonderment ensues. Similar thing happened in 2013, when freshers and sophomores of Gautam Buddha University took initiative to make a movie 'Act of Choice' that would inspire young generation to follow their dreams and build faith in themselves. Fostered by professors, Dr. Shweta Anand (Dean of Management) and Dr. Athar Hussain (former HOD of Civil Engg), students finished making a 2 hours full length feature film, working over a span of 10 months and entailing the contributions of over 300 students and faculties of Gautam Buddha University. The movie was written and directed by

'Mayank Singh' who was a 2nd year Mechanical Engg. student and production was managed by producer 'Pankhi Vatsa' who was a 2nd year Biotech Engg. student. The film group namely 'SDS aka Shaping dreams to sky' was a homogeneous composition of around 30 main members, pursuing diverse fields of specialization but sharing a common passion - to spread the story.

The movie was premiered in GBU on 16th of Nov, 2013. The screening was attended by thousands of students, including faculties and was well appreciated. The movie has also been screened in several other institutions and has received appreciation from there as well.

With no background, no experience in film making and no professional equipment, it was unexpected that this students budgeted work would be complimented with 'Six International Selections' in acclaimed fests of countries like USA and UK.



Below are the feats of Act of Choice:

(Los Angeles Cinefest, LA)

1) Best Feature Film Nomination:

<http://www.lacinefest.org/feature-film-1-112015.html>

2) Best Trailer Nomination:

<http://www.lacinefest.org/trailer-1-112015.html>

3) Best of Audience

(Film Trailer Festival, Marina Del Rey, California)

4) Live screening of Best Trailers at Silicon Beach, Los Angeles, CA 2015

Selection: <http://filmtrailerfestival.com/videos/act-of-choice-film-trailer/>

About fest: <http://filmtrailerfestival.com/about-film-trailer-film-festival/>

by C/O Film Marketing Services

(International Open Film Festival)

5) Semifinalist: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2HaqjVUPppuNGpfME5IbklvU3c>

(Selby International Film Fest, England)  
6) Best Trailer Nomination for 2016

**Official Selection**  
**LOS ANGELES**  
CineFest

**SIX INTERNATIONAL SELECTIONS IN USA & UK**  
*'act of choice'* in CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

**Official Selection**  
**LOS ANGELES**  
CineFest

**Los Angeles Cinefest, Los Angeles**  
1) Best Feature Film Nomination (Jury)  
2) Best Trailer Nomination (Jury)  
3) Best of Audience (Public voting)

**International Open Film Festival (IOFF)**  
4) Semi-finalist among numerous submissions from 105 countries

**Film Trailer Festival, Marina Del Rey, California**  
5) Live screening of Best Trailers at Silicon Beach, Los Angeles, CA December 2015 by C/O Film Marketing Services

**Selby International Film Fest, Selby, England, UK**  
6) Best Trailer Nomination for 2016

act of choice

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION  
THE OFFICIAL ACADEMY PROGRAM  
Act of Choice

act of choice

Trailer (Act of Choice - 2013)

Youtube Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3EMR9pmkCY>  
IMDb Trailer: <http://www.imdb.com/video/imdb/vi2341122585>