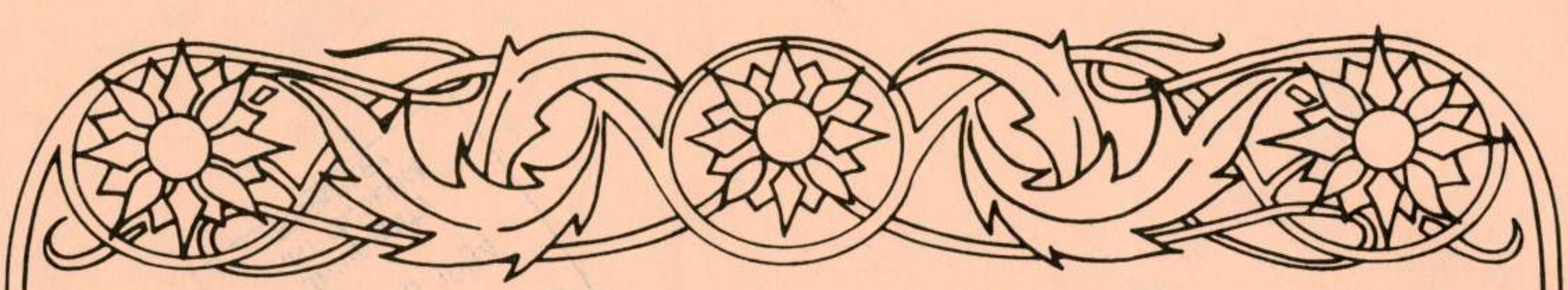


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A Film by Mira Nair

"SO FAR FROM INDIA"

Monday, March 12, 1984 8 P.M.

Filmmaker Mira Nair will screen and discuss her documentary portrait of a family split between two worlds. "So Far From India" (1983 - 49 minutes) captures the complex rhythm of middle-class family life in India and makes a universal statement about uprooting and starting a new life and the pain of those left behind.

Ashok Sheth is an Indian immigrant who has come to New York to seek a better life for his family. Once settled, he promises to send for them, but money is scarce and he is growing away from the traditional life he left behind. The film documents his life in New York and his return to India to face his wife and family, and the painful decisions he has to confront.

Mira Nair is an Indian filmmaker living in New York. She came to the United States at the age of eighteen to major in the Cinematic Arts at Harvard University. Her award-winning first film, "Jama Masjid Street Journal", was broadcast on public television in America and India, and exhibited at The Museum of Modern Art and international film festivals. "So Far From India" has been acquired for national broadcast by N.D.R. in West Germany, RTBF in Belgium, IKON-TV in Holland, Doordarshan in India and PBS in America. The film has been screened at film festivals throughout the United States and abroad.

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