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India 1973
Berlin Festival 1973:
Grand Prize
100 minutes

Ashani Sanket

Distant Thunder



Director

Satyajit Ray

Executive Producer

Mrs. Sarbani Bhattacharya

Production Company

Sarbani Bhattacharya

Screenplay

Satyajit Ray

From the novel by

Bibhuti Bhusan Bannerji

Photography

Soumendu Roy

Editor

Dulal Dutta

Music

Satyajit Ray

Cast:

Gangacharan

Soumitra Chatterji

Ananga

Babita

Chhutki

Sandhya Roy

Dinabandhu

Gobinda Chakravarty

Biswas

Romesh Mukerji

Jadu

Noni Ganguly

Mokshada

Sheli Pal

Moti

Chitra Bannerji

Khenti

Suchita Roy

Nibaran

Anil Ganguly

Adhar

Debatosh Ghosh

Distant Thunder is set in 1942; Singapore has just fallen. To remote Bengali villagers, it all seems far away, but soon the cost of rice begins to escalate. At first Ganga and his wife are not affected. He is a Brahmin, schoolteacher-priest-doctor rolled into one. But he too is to suffer from the hoarding, the profiteering, the corrupt system. This raising of consciousness is masterfully counterpointed by the brilliance of color and image which only serves to intensify the contrast between the beauty of the setting and the (understated) horror of the situation.

Shorts

Alphon in Wonderland

France

**Director: Maxim Ferrier
Gerald Poussin**

Running Time: 5 minutes

Medina

USA

Director: Scott Bartlett

Running Time: 14 minutes

Distributor: A Serious Business Company/Film-Maker's Cooperative