

## Little Zizou wins Best Producer Award at Asia-Pacific Festival of First Films

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Mumbai: Little Zizou, The Indian Film Company's first crossover English language film has won the Best Producer award at the Asia-Pacific Festival of First Films (AFFF) held in Singapore. The film's writer and director Sooni Taraporevala shared the award with joint producers Jigri Dost Productions and IFC/Studio18.

AFFF is the world's primary film and documentary festival celebrating first-time film makers, and places special emphasis on leading talent in the region. Little Zizou was nominated in five categories at the festival amongst other high-profile films from Asia-Pacific.

This is the third international award the film has won within a month, after winning the Best Director and Time Warner Best Screenplay awards at the 2008 Mahindra Indo-American Art Council Festival in New York.

The film, set amongst Mumbai's small, educated, and eccentric Parsi community, tells the story of a young boy who sets out to bring his idol and French soccer star Zinedine Zidane (Zizou) to Mumbai in honor of his dead mother. It is Taraporevala's directorial debut and the project was supported by film maker, Mira Nair.

Investment Adviser CEO Sandeep Bhargavae said, "We are delighted that Little Zizou continues to receive critical acclaim, Taraporevala has done a wonderful job in writing and directing the film, and we are excited about the film's general release in 2009."