

Heaven' will open Indian Film Fest Gotham fest selects 'Heaven on Earth' as opener 'Heaven' on top for fest

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"Heaven on Earth" will receive top billing at Gotham's Indian Film Festival.

Deepa Mehta's immigration drama will open the fest, which runs from Nov. 5-9 at Tribeca Cinemas; Rose Hall and the Allen Room; and the new Museum of Arts and Design. In addition to "Heaven," fest will host Danny Boyle's "Slumdog Millionaire," Shamim Sarif's London-set romantic comedy "I Can't Think Straight" and archival screenings including 1946 Cannes Grand Prix winner "Lowly City," the first film scored by Ravi Shankar. "Little Zizou," the directorial debut of "Salaam Bombay" screenwriter Sooni Taraporevala, will close the festival, with Taraporevala's "Salaam" collaborator Mira Nair presenting the film. Panels for the fest have been organized by the IFP and New York Women in Film and Television. Tickets go on sale Oct. 15.

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