## Rise of India's indies

Despite the absence of Indian feature films in this year's official selection, India's independent production scene is in overdrive, with a slew of films ready for festival directors to consider. Liz Shackleton reports

## Bombay Rose Dir Gitanjali Rao



Co-produced by India a n d U K - b a s e d Cinestaan Film Company and France's Les Film d'ci, *Bombay Rose* marks the first feature from Rao, whose short animation *Printed Rainbow* won the Kodak short film award and two other prizes in Critics' Week in 2006. Also employing her handpainted style of 2D animation, *Bombay Rose* revolves around two migrant children and the clash between romance and harsh reality on the streets of Mumbai. Currently in production, it is scheduled for delivery in 2018.

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The Hungry
Dir Bornila Chatterjee



Naseeruddin Shah and Tisca Chopra head the cast of this UK-India co-production, a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus, which is in post-production for delivery in early summer. Coproduced by Cinestaan Film Company and Film London, the film was developed Film London's using low-budget Microwave scheme as its model, with the fi lm-makers undergoing a training programme funded by the British Council. The cast also includes Arjun Gupta, Neeraj Kabi and Sayani Gupta.

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