



Lipstick Under My Burkha

Directed by Alankrita Shrivastava
INDIA 2016
116 minutes

Thursday, March 30

9:20 PM | Code LIPS30

Saturday, April 1

9:05 AM | Code LIPS01

A small town in India is home to four courageous women seeking their own taste of freedom, even if that means chasing their suppressed desires in secret. A college freshman dreams of singing stardom and forbidden fashion while honoring her family's strict, traditional values. A middle-aged widow yearns for long-overdue romance and finds inspiration in a provocative novel and some covert phone calls. An agonizing fiancée is torn between her upcoming arranged marriage and the attempts to keep her secret love affair afloat. A stay-at-home mother feels trapped in the life her husband planned for her and builds a successful career that could finally gain her some independence. *LIPSTICK UNDER MY BURKHA* will have audiences rooting for these brave, captivating women as they struggle to make even the slightest bit of progress towards realizing their dreams despite the circumstances so heavily stacked against them. Director Alankrita Shrivastava reveals a brutally honest view of women drowning in rules, yet daring to believe they can create their own. (*In Hindi with subtitles*) —A.B.

Producer—Prakash Jha **Screenwriting**—Alankrita Shrivastava **Cinematography**—Akshay Singh **Editing**—Charu Shree Roy **Principal Cast**—Konkona Sen Sharma, Ratna Pathak Shah, Aahana Kumra

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About the Director—Alankrita Shrivastava is a director, writer, and producer with a passion for films about women. She is the long-time assistant of Indian film producer Prakash Jha. **Filmography**—“Turning 30!!!” (2011), *LIPSTICK UNDER MY BURKHA* (2016)

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Little Wing

(Tyttö nimeltä Varpu)

Directed by Selma Vilhunen
FINLAND, DENMARK 2016
98 minutes

Thursday, March 30

9:15 AM | Code LITT30

Sunday, April 2

7:25 PM | Code LITT02

Varpu is busy navigating her snarky friendships at horse-riding camp and the tricky business of first crushes. When she's not doing 12-year-old things, she's taking care of her mother who can't quite seem to get a handle on the responsibilities of adulthood. As her mom prepares to reenter the dating scene, Varpu's questions about her absent father go unanswered. In a fit of rebellion, Varpu finds herself at the wheel of a stolen car headed north for Oulu with nothing but a dead cell phone and an address for the father she's never met. With every bit of optimism riding on this life-changing meeting, Varpu hopes this missing piece can finally bring stability to her life of uncertainty. However, this man is not the father figure she had in mind. Touching and conflicted, *LITTLE WING* portrays the complicated dynamics of a mother-daughter duo and reminds us that while we cannot change our parents, maybe we don't have to. (*In Finnish with subtitles*) —A.B.

Producers—Kai Nordberg, Kaarle Aho **Screenwriting**—Selma Vilhunen
Cinematography—Tuomo Hutturi **Editing**—Samu Heikkilä **Principal Cast**—Linnea Skog, Paula Vesala, Lauri Maijala, Santtu Karvonen, Outi Mäenpää, Antti Luusaniemi
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About the Director—Selma Vilhunen is an Academy Award®-nominated director and screenwriter of fiction and documentary films. She graduated from Turku University of Applied Sciences and is a founding member and co-owner of the Helsinki-based production company Tuffi Films. **Filmography**—“Nordic Factory” (2014), “Hobbyhorse Revolution” (2016), *LITTLE WING* (2016)