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Roshan Sethi’s '7 Days'- From the Duplass Brothers - Wins Best First Feature at the 2022 Independent Spirit Awards

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Releasing March 25 in theaters, the film stars Karan Soni, Geraldine Viswanathan, Gita Reddy, Zenobia Shroff, Aparna Nancherla and Mark Duplass

LOS ANGELES, CA / ACCESSWIRE / March 7, 2022 / Cinedigm announced today that the romantic comedy 7 Days, which premiered at the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival, won big last night at the 2022 Independent Spirit Awards in Santa Monica, CA. Director Roshan Sethi and Producers Liz Cardenas and Mel Eslyn took home Best First Feature at the star-studded event. The film, which stars Karan Soni (Deadpool, Office Christmas Party), who also co-wrote the film, Geraldine Viswanathan (Blockers, Bad Education), Gita Reddy (Orange Is The New Black), Zenobia Shroff (The Big Sick), Aparna Nancherla (The Great North) and Mark Duplass (The Morning Show), will release in theaters March 25.

The Film Independent Spirit Awards is the premier awards event for the independent film and television community. Each year, the Spirit Awards brings together top talent from throughout the world to recognize the best of film and television.

"With a strong dedication to the independent community, Cinedigm is thrilled that the film has been recognized at the Independent Spirit Awards and by Film Independent," said Chris McGurk, Chairman & CEO at Cinedigm. "From the moment we saw 7 Days we knew it was something special. Karan [Soni] and Geraldine [Viswanathan] brought this undeniable chemistry to their roles, while the film resonates across cultures and generations. We can't wait for audiences everywhere to experience the film together this month in theaters."

7 Days was written and directed by Sethi, who began his career of writing as a student at Harvard Medical School and co-created Fox's The Resident while finishing his residency. 7 Daysfollows Ravi (Soni) and Rita (Viswanathan) who are set up by their traditional Indian parents on a pre-arranged date and seemingly have nothing in common. He's conservative and nervous while she does her best to continue to smile politely. When a shelter-in-place mandate is issued, Ravi is forced to spend the night at Rita's. Soon he sees that she's not the straight-laced girl she pretended to be. As their time stuck together stretches towards a full week, the pair develop an unlikely bond, and in the face of a heartbreaking turn of events, that bond grows into something stronger.

After the film's World Premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival, 7 Days went on to screen at festivals around the world including the Bentonville Film Festival (Best Narrative Feature), San Diego Asian Film Festival (Best Narrative Feature), Naples International Film Festival (Best First Feature), BFI London and the Nashville Film Festival. Sethi, Soni and Viswanathan will next be honored in the New American Perspectives program at the Hawaii International Film Festival. This recognition celebrates immigrant contributions in cinema and the three filmmakers will also present a master class on their collaboration and their work in film and television during this time.

7 Days features an original Bollywood-style song: "Desi Spider-Man," written by Jonathan Camacho, Vamsi Kalakuntla, and Andrew Tinker; Performed by Vamsi, and Produced by Andrew Tinker.

Producers of 7 Days includeLiz Cardenas (2019 Independent Spirit Award nominee for the John Cassavetes Award for Never Goin' Back) and Mel Eslyn (2016 Independent Spirit Awards Winner - Producers Award), with Jay Duplass, Mark Duplass, Soni, Sethi and Viswanathan acting as Executive Producers, and Maddie Buis as Co-Producer.

Official Synopsis: Set-up on a pre-arranged date by their old-fashioned Indian parents, Ravi and Rita seemingly have nothing in common. The situation turns both awkward and enlightening when they find themselves trapped inside together for a week.

Official Trailer: **https://youtu.be/cGdmJMLu-Kg**

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Under their banner Duplass Brothers Productions (DBP), award-winning filmmakers Mark Duplass, Jay Duplass and Mel Eslyn create original projects for film, television, and digital media. In television, DBP is under a first-look deal with HBO which has yielded the hit series ROOM 104, TOGETHERNESS, and the HBO animated series ANIMALS, which sold after premiering at Sundance in 2015. Currently, DBP is producing a series for HBO starring Bridget Everett.

DBP is also active in the docuseries television space, best known for producing Netflix's WILD WILD COUNTRY, winner of the Emmy Award for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series in 2018. Most recently, DBP produced the popular series THE LADY AND THE DALE on HBO, which followed Elizabeth Carmichael, a larger-than-life entrepreneur who rose to prominence in the 1970's with her promotion of a fuel-efficient, three-wheeled car known as The Dale. The team also produced Hulu's SASQUATCH, ON TOUR WITH ASPERGER'S ARE US for HBO, and EVIL GENIUS for Netflix.

In film, Mark and Jay first gained recognition in the early 2000's for writing, directing and producing several acclaimed independent and studio films, including THE PUFFY CHAIR, BAGHEAD, CYRUS, and JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME. DBP's numerous feature film credits in the decades following have included THE ONE I LOVE, TANGERINE, SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED, CREEP (1 & 2), THE OVERNIGHT, BLUE JAY, HORSE GIRL, PADDLETON, OUTSIDE IN, DUCK BUTTER, and THE SKELETON TWINS. DBP recently released Natalie Morales' directorial debut LANGUAGE LESSONS, as well as the documentary NOT GOING QUIETLY about the life and work of the activist Ady Barkan.

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