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VILLAGE Rockstars 2

A FILM BY RIMA DAS

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SYNOPSIS

In a charming village, a teenage girl passionately pursues her musical dream. However, life's harsh realities challenge her innocence. As she faces these trials, she embarks on a journey to rediscover the profound connection between music and life, seeking a new harmony in the symphony of her dreams.



INSPIRATION

The final scene of ‘Village Rockstars’ always stayed with me—Dhunu standing in a field at sunset, receiving her first real guitar from her mother. The moment was magical. Without any formal training, she instinctively played, creating a beautiful sound. It reminded me how raw talent can bloom into art.

In 2020, I began working on ‘Village Rockstars 2’, and over the last four years, it evolved into something more layered. The film stands on its own, focusing on Dhunu’s relationship with her mother, nature, and music as she navigates her teenage years. It’s been a privilege to witness Dhunu’s journey. This film is for young dreamers with talent but limited resources.



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VERDICT: With 'Village Rockstars 2', Assamese director Rima Das reunites with the cast of her highly-acclaimed 2017 festival hit in a mesmerizing portrait of a teenage girl guitarist's struggles with nature and culture in northeast India

DEADLINE

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Busan Competition Titles Include Films By Brillante Mendoza, Rima Das & Tom Lin

By Sara Merikan
August 27, 2024 7:58am



'Village Rockstars 2' by Rima Das

Films by veteran Asian filmmakers Brillante Mendoza, Rima Das and Tom Lin have been selected for the Busan International Film Festival's Jiseok competition section.

Featuring eight films this year, including two Korean titles, the Jiseok competition is named after the late Kim Jiseok, a veteran programmer who was also one of the festival's co-founders.


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Rima Das' 'Village Rockstars 2' wins Kim Jiseok Award at Busan International Film Festival

The film was the only Indian feature among eight films selected in the Jiseok Competition section at the 29th edition of the festival

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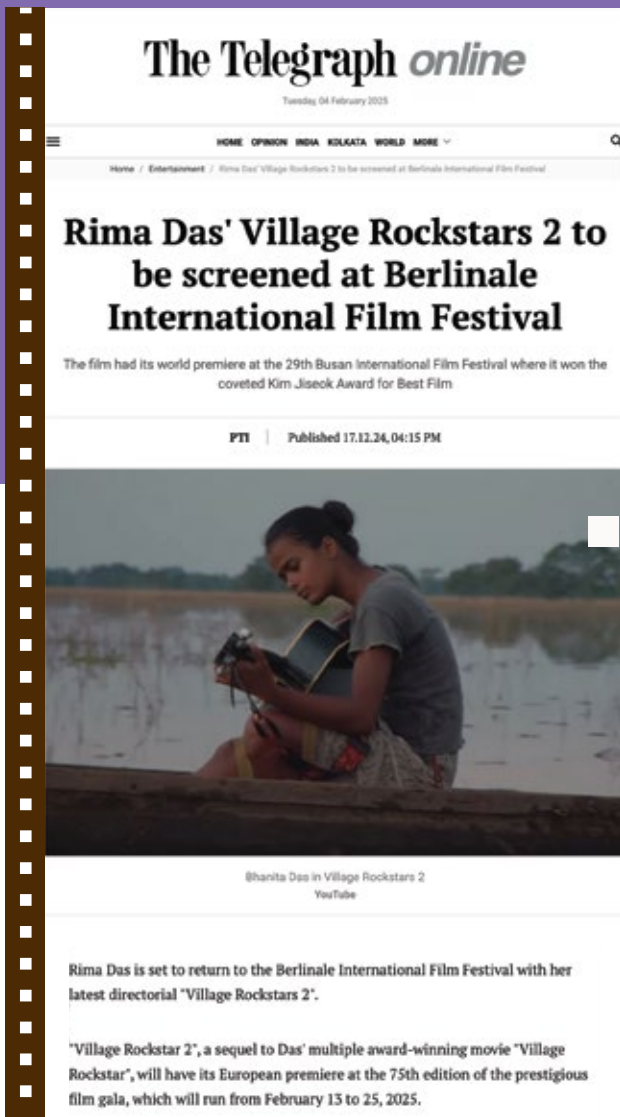
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Rima Das with Bhanita Das at Busan International Film Festival; a still from 'Village Rockstars 2' | Photo Credit: @busanfilmfest/Instagram

Filmmaker Rima Das' *Village Rockstars 2*, a sequel to her 2017 film, has won the Kim Jiseok Award at the 2024 Busan International Film Festival.

IN THE NEWS



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Rima Das' Village Rockstars 2 to be screened at Berlinale International Film Festival

The film had its world premiere at the 29th Busan International Film Festival where it won the coveted Kim Jiseok Award for Best Film

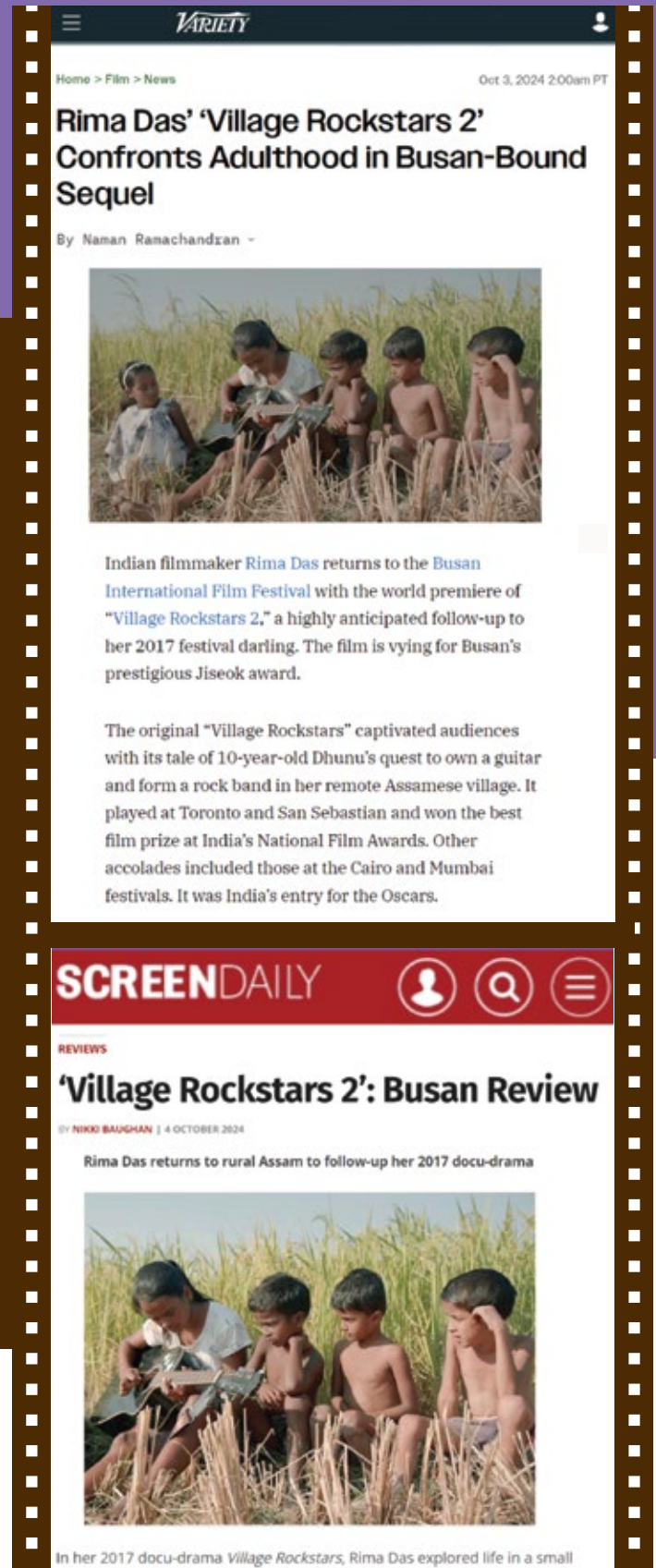
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Bhanita Das in Village Rockstars 2
YouTube

Rima Das is set to return to the Berlinale International Film Festival with her latest directorial 'Village Rockstars 2'.

'Village Rockstar 2', a sequel to Das' multiple award-winning movie 'Village Rockstar', will have its European premiere at the 75th edition of the prestigious film gala, which will run from February 13 to 25, 2025.




VARIETY

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Rima Das' 'Village Rockstars 2' Confronts Adulthood in Busan-Bound Sequel

By Naman Ramachandran -



Indian filmmaker [Rima Das](#) returns to the [Busan International Film Festival](#) with the world premiere of "Village Rockstars 2," a highly anticipated follow-up to her 2017 festival darling. The film is vying for Busan's prestigious Jiseok award.

The original "Village Rockstars" captivated audiences with its tale of 10-year-old Dhunu's quest to own a guitar and form a rock band in her remote Assamese village. It played at Toronto and San Sebastian and won the best film prize at India's National Film Awards. Other accolades included those at the Cairo and Mumbai festivals. It was India's entry for the Oscars.


SCREEN DAILY

REVIEWS

'Village Rockstars 2': Busan Review

BY NIKKI BAUGHAN | 4 OCTOBER 2024

Rima Das returns to rural Assam to follow-up her 2017 docu-drama



In her 2017 docu-drama *Village Rockstars*, Rima Das explored life in a small





Journey of "VILLAGE" ROCKSTARS 2

World Premiere at Busan International Film Festival 2024,
where it bagged the prestigious Kim Jiseok Award for Best Film

Indian Premiere at Mumbai Film Festival 2024
in the South Asia Competition

European Premiere at Berlin International Film Festival 2025
in Generation 14plus Competition

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER



Rima Das, a two time National award-winning filmmaker from India, is known for making indigenous and realistic stories that explore complicated relationships, finding purpose, coming of age and life amidst nature. She was conferred the Academy Awards (Oscars) membership in 2024. She is also one of the Brand Ambassadors of Toronto International Film Festival's 'Share Her Journey' campaign that champions the cause of gender equality in cinema. GQ India named Rima Das as one of the Most Influential Young Indians of 2018.

Her films VILLAGE ROCKSTARS (2018) and BULBUL CAN SING (2019) premiered at Toronto International Film Festival, screening at over 120 prestigious international film festivals, winning over 70 Awards including the National Film Awards in India. VILLAGE ROCKSTARS was also India's Official Entry to the Academy Awards 2019. In 2022, TORA'S HUSBAND had its World Premiere at Toronto International Film Festival, and its Asian Premiere at Busan International Film Festival.

Besides INTO THE SPOTLIGHT part of MY MELBOURNE anthology, supported by Vicscreen and Screen Australia, shot in Melbourne with an Australian cast and crew premiered at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne in August 2024. She also directed a Hindi language film co-produced by Mumbai based production house to be streamed on a digital platform.

THE TEAM

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A Film by **Rima DAS**

Starring _____
Bhanita DAS as Dhunu | **Basanti DAS** as Maa,
Junumoni BORO | **Boloram DAS** | **Manabendra DAS** **Bhaskar DAS**

Co-Producer _____
Fran BORGIA **Jaya DAS** **Yao CHEN** **Cao YU**

Cinematographer **Rima DAS** _____

Editor **Rima DAS** _____
Additional Editor **Khushboo AGARWAL**
Associate Editor **Akash GULATI**

Sound Design **Shreyank NANJAPPA** _____

Music **Pallab TALUKDAR** _____

Colorist **Mark SONG** _____

Costume **Pallavi TALUKDAR** | **Mallika DAS** _____

Director's Assistants **Brenna RIBEIRO** | **Mallika DAS** | **Bhaskar DAS**

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Written, Directed & Produced by **Rima DAS** _____

Throwback to VILLAGE ROCKSTARS



Journey of VILLAGE ROCKSTARS

- 'Village Rockstars' premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2017, and travelled to San Sebastian, Hong Kong, Cairo, Mumbai international film festivals. It screened at over 80 prestigious international film festivals, winning over 50 awards.
- It bagged the Golden Gateway Award at Mumbai Film Festival 2017, the National Film Award for the Best Feature Film in India 2018 and was India's Official Entry to the Academy Awards 2019.

The film also had a successful theatrical run in India and some territories abroad, and was streaming on Amazon Prime internationally and is currently on Netflix in the Indian subcontinent.



- 'Village Rockstars' had brought renewed attention to the independent film space in India and inspired many budding filmmakers to make their own films.
- The story of 'Village Rockstars' was included in Class 7 syllabus in its home state Assam.
- The film is part of filmmaking discussions and curriculum in universities in India and abroad, and made available in libraries of some universities.

MAJOR FESTIVALS

Toronto International Film Festival 2017
- Discovery Section - World Premiere

San Sebastián International Film Festival 2017
- New Directors Competition

Mumbai International Film Festival MAMI 2017
- India Gold Competition

Tallinn Black Nights 2017

Glasgow Film Festival, UK 2018 - UK Premiere

Cairo International Film Festival 2017, Egypt

Kerala International Film Festival 2017
- International Competition

Hong Kong International Film Festival 2018

International Film Festival of India, Goa 2017

International Children's Film Festival India 2017, India
- Competition Section

Smile International Film Festival for Children and Youth 2017 - Opening film

Olympia International Film Festival 2017, Greece - Competition Section

Les Toiles Filantes, France, 2018

Cairo International Women's Film Festival, Egypt, 2018

MOOOV Film Festival, Belgium, 2018 - Belgium premiere

Muestra de Cine de Lanzarote, Spain, 2017

Bangalore Film Festival, India

Chennai International Film Festival, India

Singapore South Asian International Film Festival 2018

Munich International Film Festival, 2018

Village rockstars Awards



Mumbai Film Festival 2017
The Golden Gateway Award
Young Critics Choice Award
Gender Equality Award

**International Children Film Festival
2017, India**
Best Director
2nd Best Movie
Best Actor for Bhanita Das

**Cairo International Film Festival
2017, Egypt**
Fathy Farag Prize (Best Artistic
Contribution)

**Olympia International Film Festival
2017, Greece**
Best Director
Best Actress for Bhanita
Special Jury Prize Feature Movie

**Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles,
2018**
Best Feature
Grand Jury Award

National Film Awards of India, 2018
Best Movie
Best Editing
Best Child Artist for Bhanita Das
Best Sound Recordist for Mallika Das

**Tel Aviv International Children's Film
Festival, 2018 - Professional Jury
Prize**

**Film Critics Circle of India Award,
2018 - Best Movie**

Junior Ciné 2018, France - Grand Prix

**From A Film Festival Barcelona, 2018
- Talent Award**

**Cork Film Festival 2017 - Spirit of the
Festival Award**

**Muestra de Cine Lanzarote 2017,
Spain - Youth Prize & Honorific Prize**

**Buenos Aires International Festival of
Independent Cinema, 2018**
Best Original Music Award
Best Movie

Village rockstars Critics review

“An unshowy winner”

- HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

*“The picture’s rustic charm
and “You go, girl!”
attitude should rock use.”*

- VARIETY

“It Is Not A Masterpiece, It's A Miracle.”

- NDTV

*“This unsentimental underdog story
is a visual poem about Assam.”*

- SCROLL

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