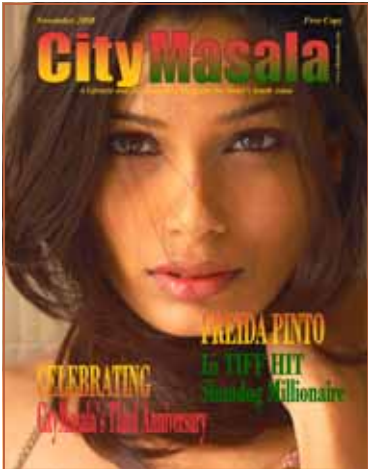




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CityMasala readers - remember, if you have an interesting tidbit to pass on to us, don't forget to write to info@citymasala.com. Pictures make it more interesting, so do remember to attach pictures to your email.

RUN AWAY HIT SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE



Remember our beautiful Cover Girl, *Fredia Pinto*, from *Danny Boyle's* acclaimed motion picture *SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE* in the issue of November 2008? Well, this movie has taken home more industry awards over the weekend. Here is an update.

- ◆ The uplifting underdog tale *SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE* earned four Golden Globe nominations on December 11 including one for Best Picture - Drama.
- ◆ Tied with *WALL•E* for the Best Picture award from the Boston Society of Film Critics.
- ◆ Won the Best Editing prize.
- ◆ Won 3 Satellite Awards including Best Picture - Drama.
- ◆ Won Best Director for *Danny Boyle* and Best Score for *A.R. Rahman*.
- ◆ Won 4 EDA Awards from the Alliance of Women Film Journalists including Best Film and Best Direction.

- ◆ Named as one of the Top 10 films of 2008 by Associated Press movie writer *David Germain*, ranking at number 4.

After playing in limited release for five weeks, *SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE* expanded to 500 theaters in all major cities across North America on Friday, December 19.

Official site: <http://www.foxsearchlite.com/slumdogmillionaire/>. **Local theaters and showtimes:** http://www.fandango.com/slumdogmillionaire_115687/movieoverview.

CHANDNI CHOWK TO CHINA PROMO LAUNCHED ON MAINSTREAM SITES INCLUDING APPLE.COM



The trailer for Warner Bros. upcoming title *CHANDNI CHOWK TO CHINA*, was exclusively debuted on Apple Trailers on Dec 6th 2008. This marks the first ever debut of a Bollywood title on the trailer page of the site and one can see it listed as one of the featured trailers. The trailer appears even before *Will Smith's Seven Pounds*, which is testimony to Bollywood's increasing influence across the world. Warner Bros. has teamed with Indian production house *People Tree* and *Ramesh Sippy Entertainment* to produce the film that releases on January 16 2009.

Akshay Kumar and *Deepika Padukone* star in this Kung-Fu caper comedy that promises to be a blockbuster around the globe. The trailer can be viewed on www.apple.com/trailers.

THOUGHT OF THE TIMES

Submitted by a reader: With today's economy getting out of control, thousands and thousands of people are being laid off daily. The main thing is that while you may miss the income and some of the people you once worked with, you have to really sit down and have an honest talk with yourself. Was the job you just lost really serving you well or was it merely keeping you in the lifestyle to which you had become accustomed?

For many of you out there reading this, the honest answer is that it was just a job. Now is your opportunity to have dialogue with your inner self and re-discover your talents or what activities make you happy. If you can sit still and get quiet long enough, you may get the answers that had long been buried in your subconscious along with a roadmap on how to take your life, and that of your family's, to the next level in your journey. Ask yourself what your perfect work day looks like, what types of activities you see yourself doing on a daily basis and of course, what brings you the greatest joy?

Keep your head held high and go forward with love in your heart for yourself and others around you.

FIA INDIA REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 2009

The India Republic Day 59th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for **January 25th (Sunday)**, 2009 from 11am to 6pm at the "**Village**"



in *Bayanihan Arts & Events Center*, 14301 Nine Eagles Drive, Tampa.

This year FIA, along with member organizations, has planned a unique and exciting family oriented outdoor festival to celebrate this event.

There will be a variety of cultural exhibit booths to showcase all of India, with themes like religions, music & dance, dresses of India, festivals, foods, languages, tourism, cinema etc.

Along with cultural exhibits, there will be a number of commercial booths and vendors to cover Indian jewelry, arts & crafts and Indian boutiques to make sure that there is something for everyone.

In the Open Air Auditorium, there will be concurrent entertainment events to show case music and dance from all parts of India along with a fancy dress competition and a fashion parade. There will also be fun filled events for children.

In addition to this, there will be a variety of Indian cuisine to satisfy the tastes of all.

Indians as well as non-Indians are welcome to share the rich culture and heritage of India on display and enjoy the celebrations.

"We have planned the show to go on, rain or shine. In case the weather doesn't cooperate, we will celebrate the event in-doors at the same location. Come with your family and friends to celebrate this fun filled event." says *Dr. Ram Reddy*, President FIA OF TAMPA BAY.