

President's Lecture Series

Mira Nair

Film Director

“Between Two Worlds: An Evening with Mira Nair”

Nair's first feature film, Oscar-nominated *Salaam Bombay!*, won 25 international awards, including two at the Cannes International Film Festival for “Best First Feature” and “Most Popular” entry. Her critically acclaimed and commercially successful films include *Mississippi Masala*, *Monsoon Wedding*, *Hysterical Blindness*, *Vanity Fair*, and *The Namesake*.

Each of her movies deals with issues of race, class, gender, inter-generational strife, cultural appropriation and displacement. Of *The Namesake*, Nair says the tale “...encompasses the millions who have left one home for another, who have known what it means to combine the old ways with the new world.” Joe Morgenstern, film critic of the Wall Street Journal, describes it as “a saga of the immigrant experience that captures the snap, crackle and pop of American life, along with the pounding pulse, emotional reticence, volcanic colors and cherished rituals of Indian culture.”

This event is free and open to the public.

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