

## **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

VINOD GANATRA, a recipient of **THE LIV ULLMANN PEACE PRIZE, CHICAGO** has been active in the Film & Television Production from 1982. He has edited and directed about 400 Documentaries & News Reels. He has Produced 25 TV Programmes for Children & Youth. He has also made three Children Films for CFSI and these films have won 23 International Awards.

He is now, a recipient of **DADA SAHEB PHALKE - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** conferred by 'THE ASSOCIATION OF FILM & VIDEO EDITORS'. He has several National & International Awards to his credit.

Widely travelled, he has also served as Jury at 59 National & International Film Festivals world over for last two decades.

His DEBUT feature film **HEDA-HODA (BLIND CAMEL)** travelled about 58 International Film Festivals world over and won many Awards. His next film **HIDE-N-SEEK (LUKKA CHHUPPI)** is listed in LIMCA BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS as '**FIRST CHILDREN'S FEATURE FILM FULLY SHOT AT THE HIGHEST ALTITUDE**' at LADAKH in Himalayas. **HIDE-N-SEEK** was also screened at about 21 International Film Festivals.

'**HARUN-ARUN**', his next film in Gujarati based on Indo-Pak Border was world premiered at 26<sup>TH</sup> Chicago Intl. Children's Film Festival and conferred with prestigious '**LIV ULLMANN PEACE PRIZE**'. Further he also won '**BEST JUVENILE AUDIENCE AWARD**' at Dhaka Intl. Film Festival in January 2010. This was followed by yet another Goal of Transmedia '**CRITICS JURY AWARD**' in March, 2010. In June he received '**LIGHT OF ASIA AWARD**' at Sri Lanka.

Added to this, in Canada **HARUN-ARUN** won 3 awards i.e. '**CIFEJ PRIZE**' by professional Jury & '**SPECIAL HUMANITY AWARD**' by Children Jury at Rimouski Intl. Film Festival, 2010 & '**AUDIENCE AWARD**' at Freeze Frame Festival in March 2011. His next achievement was receipt of '**BEST COSTUME AWARD**' at Augsburg International Children's Film Festival in Germany in April, 2011. In October, 2011, he further won '**Golden Butterfly Award**' for **HARUN-ARUN** as '**BEST ASIAN FILM**', at the Isfahan International Film Festival, Iran and latest Award is "**SPECIAL JURY AWARD**" at the 37<sup>th</sup> Gdynia International Film Festival, in Poland.

'**HARUN-ARUN**' also had the opportunity to enter into competition section of films festival at MUNICH, STUTTGART, AUGSBURG, KASSEL- GERMANY, GIFFONI-ITALY, BAMKIDS-NEW YORK, SEATEL-USA, RIMOUSKI, WINNIPEG-CANADA, LAMATATENA-MEXICO, RIO-BRAZIL, TEHRAN-IRAN, RHODES-GREECE, BUSAN-KOREA ISFAHAN-IRAN, GDYNIA-POLAND and many more invitations are on its way .

Formation of his NGO, **CHILDREN'S AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**, is the output of his working with Children for over 2 decades. **CAVEF** organizes workshops and screenings of films for Children and young adults.

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