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Goopi and Bagha film comes to Lange Park

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The trinidad+tobago film festival's Community Cinergy Series—a free outdoor cinema experience, sponsored by bpTT—continues this Saturday (April 8) at Lange Park Recreational Grounds, Chaguanas, from 7 pm, with the family-friendly animated film *The Wonderful World of Goopi and Bagha*.

Filled with vibrant colour and music, Shilpa Ranade's film is a magical adaptation of a cherished Bengali children's classic, and a remake of renowned Indian director Satyajit Ray's beloved work.

Acclaimed as one of the great masters of world cinema, Satyajit Ray's 1969 film was his most commercially successful, and was itself an adaptation of his grandfather Upendra Kishore Roychowdury's storybook *Goopy Bagha*.

With an anti-war message at its heart, Ranade's latter-day animated version, in Hindi with English subtitles, premiered to great acclaim at the Toronto Film Festival in 2013 and was shown at tfff/14.

The film follows the misadventures of Goopi and Bagha, two musicians banished from their respective villages for their tone-deaf music making. Left to wander the forests, their noisy cacophony, attracts the attention of a fearsome Ghost King who, enthralled by their sound, grants them three boons (blessings), plus a fourth to be saved for the future. They wish for tasty food to appear whenever they're hungry, magic shoes that will transport them wherever they want to go, and the ability to enchant anyone who listens to their music.

Drawing on her skills as a book illustrator and animator, Shilpa Ranade's version of this classic tale—her first feature film—is imaginative and textured, with 2D figures that recall marionettes, and the use of rich patterned cloth that creates a tactile feeling of depth.


The result is an exotic, busy canvas with lots of detail and a unique take on a heartwarming story full of humour, spirit, and kindness.

For more information about and this and other film screenings by the trinidad+tobago film festival, visit: tfffilmfestival.com

The trinidad+tobago film festival (tfff) celebrates films from and about the Caribbean and its diaspora, as well as from world cinema, through an annual festival and year-round screenings. In addition, the tfff seeks to facilitate the growth of Caribbean cinema by offering a wide-ranging industry programme and networking opportunities. The tfff is presented by Flow, given leading sponsorship by bpTT, and contributing sponsorship by RBC Royal Bank.

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