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MOVIES

RUN FOR THE OSCARS

Meet the Indian at the Oscars who's part of Pakistan's first Academy Award entry in 50 years. By Juhi Baveja

ACOMED/WITH a Bollywood legend and load munical numbers is one of the last things yould

expect from documentary filmmaken who have dealt with gravitas and accurate pictures of real life. But showcasing their ability to transcend the genres, and be lauded for it, are Furjad Nabi and Meenu Gaur. Nabi who halls from Pakistan and Gaur from India directed Zinda Bhag, their first mainstream movie, which is set to be Pakistani official entry to the Oscars after 50 years. The day. known for their award-winning. The Ghut of Maula Just (2012), a movie about Lollywood, as Pakistan's film industry based in Labore is often called, met in England at a film festival in 2002. They immediately found common ground. which led to Gaur shurding between Lahore and London to collaborate with Nabi.

Gaur, who holds a PhD in Media. Studies from the

University of London, has also directed the awardwinning Panadiar On a River of Hall (2002), a film that documents the maries of the victims of the silent genocide in Kashmir, while Nabi is a famous Pakistan-based playweight. In 2012, while

researching the spread of gambling in Lahore for a documentary, they came across many stories related to illegal immigration and decided to dramatise the accounts. "We strived to break the genre of documentary and bring it to the verge of faction," says Nabi. Zirole Bhase, shot in small neighborhoods of Labore, follows the lives of three friends who want to immigrate illegally. Nabi and Gaurhandpicked local actors from the region, while Bollywood legend Nasserudin Shah played the role of the villain. Along with Shah, the movie also consists of other Indian crew members, including cinematographer Satya Rai Nagpaul, who was well acquainted with Labori Punjabi, a language used by the main characters. "The collaboration was based on the

shared language and culture. The dawn of the South Asian film industry is possible only when our films release in each other's countries."



Inspired by the movie, the show is a modern-day retelling of the legend in which a headless howeman haunts a burn.



James Spader returns to the small screen with this action-drama series in which he plays an ex-con who surrenders to the FBI for a deal.



Mirroring the life of its title character, the show follows the comedic travails of a television anchor in the Big Apple.

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Renowned German artist Martin Eder, who juxtaposes disturbing elements with picturesque countrysides and cryptic symbolism, is exhibiting at Gallery Isa, Mumbai. Titled Monsters of Silence, the series of paintings are replete with references to the macabre. (On November 17)