

Tribute to Ray, Ravi Shankar and Soumitra wins big at Boston fest



A still from the film

Director Subhrajit Mitra's *Avijatrik*, a film that pays tribute to the iconic Satyajit Ray and Soumitra Chatterjee, has won Best Film, Best Music and Best Production Design awards at the 2021 Kaleidoscope Indian Film Festival of Boston (CIFFB). A tribute to Satyajit Ray, Ravi Shankar and Soumitra Chatterjee, it takes off from *Apur Sansar*, where the trilogy ended in 1959. The film is based on the last one-third of Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay's novel, *Aparajita*.

The film earlier travelled to the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

and the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) and later to prestigious international film festivals like Shanghai International Film Festival (selected in Panorama), Miami International Film Festival, Montreal Independent Film Festival and Seattle Film Festival, among others.

The film is about the journey of a father and his son and how the father relives his entire childhood through the eyes of his son. It revolves around a sublime bond between a father, Apu, and his six-year-old son Kajol, who lost his mother to an unpropitious fate during his birth. Apu finally bids farewell to

his village, his city, his motherland and embarks on a spirited journey with Kajol and friend Shankar. They go in search of new beginnings, to unexplored terrains in a faraway land.

The music of the film has been scored by Bickram Ghosh while the title track is a variation by Anoushka Shankar, of her father Pandit Ravi Shankar's iconic *Pather Panchali* theme.

Avijatrik stars Arjun Chakrabarty, Ditipriya Roy and Arpita Chatterjee in key roles.

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