

Film Title: Victoria

Genre: Drama

Runtime : 85 minutes

Language: Malayalam (with english subtitles)

Completion Date: December 2024

Premiere: December 2024

Country of Origin: India

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Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/victoria.film_/

Teaser: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/118IyO7unFtKruTJYtwVPwgB0sOXvy7Tg/view?usp=sharing>

Logline

Victoria, a young beautician working in a small town ladies beauty parlour, treads an overwhelming day into a decisive conviction, while an unruly offering-rooster serves as an unexpected spiritual witness.

Long Synopsis

Victoria, a young beautician in a suburban beauty parlour, decides to elope with her Hindu boyfriend after a fierce clash with her conservative Catholic parents. Amidst the turmoil, a neighbor asks her to temporarily house an offering rooster destined for a festival at St. George church inside the parlour. Juggling the rooster's antics, unexpected clients, and her boyfriend's uncertainty, Victoria grapples with conflicting emotions leading to a day of intense personal and spiritual revelations

Technical Information

Colour Format : Color

Sound: 5.1 Surround

Screening Format: DCP

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Selections/ Acclaim

Official Selection- Asian New Talent Competition- Shanghai International Film Festival 2025

Official Selection- International Film Festival of Kerala IFFK 2024 Malayalam Cinema Today

-FIPRESCI Award for the Best Debut film

Director's Bio

Sivaranjini is an independent filmmaker and research scholar based in India. Her short films were screened at many regional and international film festivals. Victoria is her Debut Feature Film.

Producer Bio

Kerala State Film Development Corporation Ltd (KSFDC), was established in the year 1975 with the prime objective of facilitating the production and promotion of Malayalam Cinema.

Victoria (2024), is produced by the Kerala State Film Development Corporation after receiving the Women Empowerment Grant from the Kerala State Government, India.

Crew Details

Screenplay, Editing, Direction : Sivaranjini

Lead Cast:

Meenakshi Jayan, Sreeshma Chandran, Darsana Vikas, Steeja Mary, Jolly Chirayath, Jeena Rajeev

Meenakshi Jayan as Victoria

Sreeshma Chandran as Ileya

Darsana Vikas as Jeena

Steeja Mary as Deepa

Jolly Chirayath as Shyamala

Jeena Rajeev as Roslie

Cinematographer: Anand Ravi

Sync Sound: Kalesh Lakshmanan

Art direction: Abdul Khader A K

Music: Abhaydev Praful

Sound Design: Smijith Kumar, Radhakrishnan S

Director's Statement

Four years ago, during a visit to a neighborhood beauty parlour, I encountered a rooster with its legs tied, resting its head on a broken foot bath bucket. The striking image prompted me to ask a beautician about him, and I learned he was to be offered at Edappally church for St. George. This moment inspired me to begin writing *Victoria*.

From that day on, each visit to a beauty parlour became an ethnographic field trip, where I observed women, their emotions, and their stories. Creating a film with government funding allows one artistic freedom without the pressure of commercial success. I embraced this opportunity in my creative choices, casting new faces from Angamaly and Chalakudy, where the film's dialect is spoken, and building a beauty parlour set from scratch. We have employed long takes and sustained some shots that defy conventional narrative structure. While remaining largely within the fictional framework, we aimed to incorporate a documentary style of looking, blurring the lines between fiction and reality.

Media Reviews

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