



PRESS RELEASE

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Shilpa Shetty arrives at The Curzon!

Bollywood film star Shilpa Shetty is to make an appearance at the famous Curzon Cinema, Clevedon, hot on the heels of her success in winning this year's Celebrity Big Brother on Channel 4.

But before all you Bollywood fans get too excited, Shilpa will not be there in person, but appearing on screen in her latest Bollywood release *Life in a...Metro* (Certificate to be confirmed), which arrives at the Curzon in May as part of the cinema's first ever filmfestival.

The "Gotta Dance!" Film Festival, featuring a dozen song and dance films spanning several decades, runs from 4 to 13 May as part of this year's North Somerset Arts Week.

If Bollywood is not your thing there is sure to be something else in the festival line-up to catch your eye - perhaps it's Patrick Swayze in *Dirty Dancing* (12A) or John Travolta & Olivia Newton John in *Grease* (PG). Then of course there is Gene Kelly in the 1952 favourite *Singin' in the Rain* (U) or even Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in the 1935 classic *Top Hat* (U).

Curzon Chair of Trustees Hilary Neal said; "The festival is part of a year of celebrations of our 10th anniversary as a community cinema, and is a very exciting new venture for The Curzon demonstrating our commitment to promote film to as wide an audience as possible.

We are bringing together some of the great film-makers and performers in the song and dance genre, spanning several decades of cinema. We are confident that the local community will be equally excited about the prospect of seeing on the big screen some of the classic song and dance films in cinema history."

As for Shilpa Shetty's appearance, Curzon General Manager commented, "We gather that Shilpa broke away from filming 'Metro' in order to appear in Celebrity Big Brother, which delayed the filming schedule and the UK release. We just hope everything is in the can in time for the "Gotta Dance!" Film Festival, which we have been assured it will be."

Two of the films (*Singin' in the Rain* and *Dirty Dancing*) will be screened using the Curzon's new state-of-the-art digital projector.

The complete festival screening schedule is :

Gotta Dance!

Film Festival

Fri 4 May	7.45pm	Singin' In the Rain (U) (digital)
Sat 5 May	2.00pm	The Lion King (U)
	7.45pm	Grease (PG)
Sun 6 May	2.00pm	Beauty and the Beast (U)
	7.45pm	Life in a...Metro (tbc)
Mon 7 May	2.00pm	Life in a...Metro (tbc)
	7.45pm	Strictly Ballroom (PG)
Tues 8 May	2.00pm	Strictly Ballroom (PG)
	7.45pm	High Society (U)
Wed 9 May	10.30	 Parents and carers with babies can enjoy films with our cinema & baby club . High Society (U)
	2.00pm	High Society (U)
	7.45pm	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (U)
Thurs 10 May	2.00pm	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (U)
	7.45pm	Top Hat (U)
Fri 11 May	2.00pm	Top Hat (U)
	7.45pm	Dirty Dancing (12A) (digital)
Sat 12 May	2.00pm	Dirty Dancing (12A) (digital)
	7.45pm	Chicago (12A)
Sun 13 May	2.00pm	Results of our film Competition
	7.30pm	West Side Story (PG)

Notes to Editors:

1. *The Curzon is thought to be the oldest, purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world and, throughout this year, we are celebrating our 10th anniversary as a community cinema. We are committed to providing a high quality film experience and to be a thriving centre for cinema and the arts.*
2. *The Curzon *Gotta Dance!* film festival runs from 4-13 May as part of North Somerset Arts Week 2007. Full details of the film screenings can be found on The Curzon website www.curzon.org.uk.*
3. *We understand that Shilpa Shetty broke from filming Life in a...Metro to take part in Celebrity Big Brother and, having won the reality TV show, returned to filming in order for the film to be completed. Word has it that this delayed the filming schedule quite significantly resulting in a corresponding delay to the UK release of the film. As we go to print the UK release date has still not been finalised but we have received assurances that the film will be available for the "Gotta Dance!" Film Festival. Should this specific film not become available, we will screen an appropriate Bollywood alternative film.*

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