

## **ISHU PATEL (Curator of the Screening of Animated Shorts)**

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Ishu Patel is an acclaimed animation film director, animator and educator whose films have received theatrical and television distribution worldwide. His many international awards include two Oscar nominations, the Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival, the British Academy Award, and the Grand Prix at the International Animation Film Festival, Annecy, France, and the Montreal World Film Festival, Canada.

Born in India, Ishu Patel graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S. University, Baroda, and completed his graduate studies in Visual Communication at the National Institute of Design, India, and Advanced Graphic Design at Allegemeine Gewerbschule in Basel, Switzerland. A Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship brought him to the National Film Board of Canada.

Under the NFB banner, developing his own animation techniques, Ishu Patel produced and directed numerous award winning films such as *The Bead Game*, *Afterlife*, *Top Priority*, *Paradise*, and *Divine Fate*.

In addition to his films for the NFBC, Ishu Patel has co-produced animation with NHK of Japan and Channel Four of Britain, and contributed numerous French language segments to "Sesame Street" for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Formerly a tenured Full Professor at the School of Cinema and Television, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, he is a Member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Recently he joined Nanyang Technological University, School of Art, Design and Media as a Visiting Professor.



Still from Ishu Patel's *Paradise*.