

A Different Evening  
International Film Club at Ahmedabad University  
(In Memory of Prof. Niranjan Bhagat)

Date: **May 24, 2019, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Ahmedabad University Auditorium,  
GICT Building, Near M G Science College.



Name of the Film: **The Help**

(Based on a novel by Kathryn Stockett)

Also known as: La couleur des sentiments (France)

Year of Release: August 10, 2011.

Director: **Tate Taylor** (Nominated for BAFTA Award + 13 Awards + 17 nominations)

Cinematography: Stephen Goldblatt

Genre: Drama

Duration: 2 Hours 26 Minutes

Awards: (Oscar winner + other 80 Awards + 117 nominations)

Actors:

Emma Stone (Oscar winner + other 67 awards + 157 nominations)

Viola Davis (Oscar winner + other 86 awards + 125 nominations)

Octavia Spencer (Oscar winner + other 33 awards + 66 nominations)

Chris Lowell (9 awards + 4 nominations)

Audio Language: **English** Subtitles: **English**

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 16:9 High Definition (720p)

**About the film:**

Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, Skeeter is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives -- and a Mississippi town -- upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. As it turns out, they have a lot to say. Along the way, unlikely friendships are forged and a new sisterhood emerges, but not before everyone in town has a thing or two to say themselves when they become unwittingly -- and unwillingly -- caught up in the changing times.

Affluent lifestyles in 2019 in New Delhi, Mumbai or even in Ahmedabad are not very different from the contents of this high society story of Mississippi during the 1960s. Once we go through the film, we find that somewhere we are also playing a role in the film, if we want to be honest to ourselves.

Another yardstick for this film is that apart from numerous international awards and nominations that the actors and the film itself have received, it is one of the very few films who have received 8.1 out of 10 rating by nearly 400,000 active film reviewers and viewers on the International Movie Data Base.

**Trivia about the film:**

The film's cast includes seven Oscar winners: Viola Davis, Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer, Mary Steenburgen, Allison Janney, Sissy Spacek, and Cicely Tyson (honorary winner) and one Oscar nominee: Jessica Chastain.

The film is based on the phenomenal New York Times best-selling novel by Kathryn Stockett. With 3 million copies in print, *The Help* remained on the NYT best-seller list for 103 weeks, six of which were at Number 1.

The film takes place in Jackson, Mississippi in 1963. This is when and where Civil Rights Activist Medgar Evers was assassinated.

International Award to the Director: Hublot d'Or de la meilleure adaptation (Tate Taylor), Prix du Jeune Public de la Meilleure Adaptation (Tate Taylor) et Coup de Coeur du Jury de la Meilleure Adaptation (Tate Taylor) au Festival de la Page à l'Image, France).

**Tagline:** "Every change begins with a whisper."