

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

Date: **July 26, 2019, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: **Akeelah and the Bee**

(Written by Doug Atchison)

Year of Release: April 28, 2006 (USA)

Director: **Doug Atchison** (4 International Awards)

Cinematography: M. David Mullen

Music: Aaron Zigman

Genre: Drama

Duration: 1 Hour 52 Minutes

Awards: 12 International Awards and 14 Nominations

Also known as: A som i Akeelah

Actors:

Angela Bassett (Nominated for Oscar + 31 Awards + 66 Nominations)

Laurence Fishburne (Nominated for Oscar + 24 Awards + 68 Nominations)

Keke Palmer (11 Awards + 24 Nominations)

Tzi Ma (3 Awards + 2 Nominations)

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

Colour: Colour

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

**About the film:**

“You know that feeling where everything feels right? Where you don't have to worry about tomorrow or yesterday, where you feel safe and know you're doing the best you can? There's a word for that, it's called love. L-O-V-E.” These are the words in the film from Akeelah, an eleven-years old African American girl.

At 11, Akeelah Anderson's life is not easy: her father is dead, her mom ignores her, her brother runs with the local gangbangers. She's smart, but her environment threatens to strangle her aspirations. Responding to a threat by her school's principal, Akeelah participates in a spelling bee to avoid detention for her many absences. Much to her surprise and embarrassment, she wins. Her principal asks her to seek coaching from an English professor named Dr. Larabee for the more prestigious regional spelling bee. The miracle starts...

The film takes us to the bottom of a child's heart. A place more sacred and pious than any cathedral, mosque or temple. Where aspirations are without cunningness. Where the struggle is to accomplish and not merely to compete. The innocent world longing for compassion and love.

**Trivia about the Film:**

This was the first film to be produced and totally sponsored by Starbucks Coffee.

It was filmed in only 31 days with a total budget of 6 million US dollars.

Laurence Fishburne's character, Prof. Larabee, is based on the film director's real life teacher, Mr. Larabell.

**Tagline:** Changing the world... one word at a time.