

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

Date: **October 11, 2019, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: **The Queen**

(Written by Peter Morgan)

Date of Release: 17 November 2006

Director: Stephen Frears (Nominated for 2 Oscars + 70 Awards + 71 Nominations)

Cinematography: Affonso Beato

Music: Alexandre Desplat

Genre: Biography, Drama, History

Duration: 1 Hour 43 Minutes

Awards: (Oscar Winner + 95 Awards + 97 Nominations)

Also known as: La reina

Actors:

Helen Mirren (Oscar Winner + 123 Awards + 125 Nominations)

Michael Sheen (Nominated for Golden Globe + 14 Awards + 32 Nominations)

James Cromwell (Nominated for Oscar + 7 Awards + 26 Nominations)

Alex Jennings (2 Nominations)

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

Colour: Colour

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

About the film:

After the death of Princess Diana, Queen Elizabeth II struggles with her reaction to a sequence of events nobody could have predicted.

Diana the 'People's Princess' has died in a car accident in Paris. The Queen and her family decide that for the best, they should remain hidden behind the closed doors of Balmoral Castle. As far as the Queen is concerned, Diana's death is a private matter given that she was no longer an "HRH". This also puts pressure on newly elected Prime Minister Tony Blair. Tucked away at Balmoral, their Scottish retreat, the Royal Family appears oblivious to the public's reaction. Soon however, public opinion turns against them. The public and the media question the utility of the monarchy and the just-elected Prime Minister Tony Blair advises the Queen to make a public speech mourning the loss of Diana

This film is an “intimate behind the scenes” glimpse, at the interaction between HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Tony Blair during their struggle following the death of Diana, to reach a compromise between what was a private tragedy for the royal family and the public's demand for an overt display of mourning.

Trivia about the Film:

Helen Mirren's performance received a five-minute standing ovation at the film's premiere at the Venice Film Festival. Helen Mirren was praised by Queen Elizabeth herself and invited for dinner at Buckingham Palace.

10 Downing Street is portrayed as slightly dilapidated, poorly decorated, and middle-class. This is supposedly how the residence actually is, and the real Cherie Blair was supposedly appalled when she first saw where the family would be living.

The film was the only Best Picture Oscar nominee that year to be also nominated for Best Costume Design.

The jewellery Helen Mirren wears is based on actual jewels owned by Elizabeth II. Some pieces shown include: her trademark two or three strands of pearls, Queen Victoria's bow brooch (at Diana's funeral), and Queen Mary's button earrings (the large pearl earrings each topped by a tiny diamond).

The film grossed around 125 million US\$ of revenue worldwide.

Tagline: A Lifetime of Tradition. A World of Change.