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

Date: November 08, 2019, Friday.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: Hotel Rwanda

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Date of Release: 04 February 2005

Director: Terry George (Oscar Winner + Other 12 Awards + 18 Nominations)

Cinematography: Robert Fraisse

Music: Rupert Gregson-Williams & Andrea Guerra

Genre: Biography, Drama, History

**Duration: 2 Hours** 

Awards: (Nominated for 3 Oscars + Other 16 Awards + 45 nominations)

Also known as: Hotel Rwanda: La matanza

## Actors:

Don Cheadle (Nominated for Oscar + Other 35 Awards + 103 Nominations) Sophie Okonedo (Nominated for Oscar + Other 6 Awards + 24 Nominations) Joaquin Phoenix (Nominated for 3 Oscars + Other 37 Awards + 124 nominations) Nick Nolte (Nominated for 3 Oscars + Other 12 Awards + 34 nominations)

Audio Language: English Subtitles: English

Colour: Colour

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

## About the film:

During 1994, some of the worst atrocities in the history of mankind took place in the country of Rwanda--and in an era of high-speed communication and round the clock news, the events went almost unnoticed by the rest of the world. In only three months, one million people were brutally murdered. In the face of these unspeakable actions, inspired by his love for his family, an ordinary man summons extraordinary courage to save the lives of over a thousand helpless refugees, by granting them shelter in the hotel he manages.

Paul Rusesabagina was a hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsi refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda. Paul, who is able to get his immediate family to the hotel which is still largely seen as a place of sanctuary, will have to use the considerable skills he has to keep himself, his family and many others taking refuge at the hotel alive, whether they be Hutu or Tutsi.

## Trivia about the Film:

The real Paul Rusesabagina and Tatiana Rusesabagina returned to Rwanda with director Terry George for research. Many people came to welcome them at the airport.

General Bizimungu was sentenced to thirty years in prison for his part in the genocide on 17 May 2011.

In April 2010, then-UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown admitted that the film had made him cry.

In the movie, UN Peacekeeping Troops are shown with Pakistani flag bands on their arms. In 1994, Pakistan was by far the largest contributor to the UN Peacekeeping force with contribution of 9210 troops out of 73210 total force (12.5%). This was primarily to get their army paid by UN and reduce the financial burden on the government to that extent. A shocking dichotomy of a nation, that can indirectly send Kasab and team to India!!!

Tagline: When the world closed its eyes, a man opened his arms.