

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

Date: **December 13, 2019, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: **Iris**

(Written by Richard Eyre & Charles Wood)

Date of Release: 29 March 2002.

Director: Richard Eyre (Winner BAFTA Film Award + 9 Awards + 12 Nominations)

Cinematography: Roger Pratt

Music: James Horner

Genre: Biography, Drama, Romance

Duration: 1 Hour 31 Minutes

Awards: (Oscar Winner + 13 Awards + 31 Nominations)

Also known as: Poèmes pour Iris

Actors:

Judi Dench (Oscar Winner + other 64 Awards + 174 Nominations)

Jim Broadbent (Oscar Winner + other 22 Awards + 54 Nominations)

Kate Winslet (Oscar Winner + other 87 Awards + 155 Nominations)

Hugh Bonneville (Golden Globe Nomination + other 5 Awards + 21 Nominations)

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

Colour: Colour

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

About the film:

Iris, based on the life of revered British writer and philosopher Iris Murdoch, is a story of unlikely yet enduring love. As a young academic, teaching philosophy at Oxford, Murdoch meets and eventually falls in love with fellow professor John Bayley, a man whose awkwardness seems in stark opposition to the spirited self-confidence of his future wife. The story unfolds as snippets of time, seen through Bayley's eyes. He recalls their first encounter over 40 years ago, activities they enjoyed doing together, and Iris' charismatic and individualistic personality. These images portray Murdoch as a vibrant young woman with great intellect and are contrasted with the novelist's later life, after the effects of Alzheimer's disease have ravaged her. Murdoch's great mind deteriorates until she is reduced to a mere vestige of her former self, unable to perform simple tasks and completely reliant, at times, on her frustrated yet devoted husband.

Trivia about the Film:

There is a bench dedicated to Iris Murdoch, in the grounds of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where she used to enjoy walking.

This was the only film that year to be nominated for Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress Oscars. The film cast includes three Oscar winners: Judi Dench, Kate Winslet and Jim Broadbent.

Some viewers may find it confusing that the film episodically jumps across three time periods; their early relationship, their later relationship before the Alzheimer's symptoms start to become obvious, and the final phase once her symptom's and condition affect their relationship and lives. This may be a deliberate creative choice to "disorientate" the audience, and/or remind them how much it has changed Iris.

Iris film's budgeted expenditure was 5.5 million US\$. Against that it earned more than 16 million US\$ gross revenue worldwide.

Tagline: Her greatest talent was living her life at her own terms.