

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

Date: **April 28, 2023, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: **Green Book** (Based on true events)

Date of Release: November 16, 2018

Director: Peter Farrelly (2 Oscars + 28 Other Awards + 29 Nominations)

Music: Kris Bowers (Oscar Nomination + 6 Other Awards + 20 Nominations)

Cinematography: Sean Porter (2 International Awards + 2 Nominations)

Genre: Biography, Comedy, Drama

Duration: 2 Hours 10 Minutes

Awards: Winner of 3 Oscars + 59 Other Awards + 124 Nominations

Also known as: Una amistad sin fronteras

Actors:

Viggo Mortensen (3 Oscar Nominations + 46 Other Awards + 127 Nominations)

Mahershala Ali (2 Oscar Awards + 85 Other Awards + 90 Nominations)

Linda Cardellini (3 Primetime Emmy Awards+ 3 Other Awards + 25 Nominations)

Sebastian Maniscalco (10 International Awards)

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

Colour: Colour

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

About the film:

In 1962, tough bouncer Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga searches for work while his nightclub is closed for renovations. The most promising offer turns out to be the driver for African American classical pianist Don Shirley for a concert tour into the Deep South states. Although hardly enthused at working for a Black man, Tony accepts the job and they begin their trek armed with "The Negro Motorist Green Book," a guide for safe travel through America's racial segregation. The snobbishly erudite pianist and the crudely practical bouncer can barely get along with their clashing attitudes to life and ideals. However, they nurture an understanding and a friendship that would change both their lives.

Trivia:

Upon the film's release, the Shirley family stated that Tony and Doc were not friends, they had "an employer-employee relationship". In January 2019, audio recordings of an interview with Don Shirley emerged in which he stated, "I trusted him implicitly... You see... not only was [Tony] my driver, but we also never had an employer/employee relationship. You don't have time for that bullshit. My life is in this man's hands!... So you've got to be friendly with one another."

The title and subject matter are a reference to "The Negro Motorist Green Book," also known as "The Negro Travellers' Green Book." Published from 1936-1966, the guide helped African American travellers find lodging, restaurants, and other businesses that would serve them. It eventually covered most of North America, plus Bermuda and the Caribbean.

Viggo Mortensen put on 20 pounds for the role of Tony Lip. He fed on Italian cuisine, mostly pizza and pasta. His technique, which he does not recommend because it is bad for your health, consisted of eating rich dinners, followed by at least one dessert just before going to bed. He admits that losing those pounds was much more difficult and less fun than gaining them.

The film won the People's Choice Award at TIFF (Toronto International Film Festival) in September 2018, where it premiered. One of only 5 films to win the Academy Award for Best Picture without being nominated for Best Director. The film won 3 Academy Awards: Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Mahershala Ali), Best Original Screenplay, and Best Picture.

Tag line: Friendship does not have a horizon.