

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

Date: **July 14, 2023, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: **My Left Foot** (Based on an autobiography by Christy Brown)

Date of Release: March 30, 1990.

Director: Jim Sheridan (6 Oscar Nominations + 34 Other Awards + 49 Nominations)

Music: Elmer Bernstein (Oscar Winner + 31 Other Awards + 43 Nominations)

Cinematography: Jack Conroy (1 Award)

Genre: Biography, Drama

Duration: 1 Hour 43 Minutes

Awards: 2 Oscar Awards + 23 Other Awards + 20 Nominations

Also known as: Meu Pé Esquerdo

Actors:

Daniel Day-Lewis (3 Oscar Awards + 146 Other Awards + 94 Nominations)

Brenda Fricker (Oscar Winner + 4 Other Awards + 15 Nominations)

Kirsten Sheridan (Oscar Nominations + 34 Other Awards + 22 Nominations)

Fiona Shaw (3 PE Nominations + 3 Other Awards + 22 Nominations))

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

Colour: Colour

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

About the film:

Christy Brown is born with cerebral palsy to a large, poor Irish family. His mother, Mrs. Brown, recognizes the intelligence and humanity in the lad everyone else regards as a vegetable. Eventually, Christy matures into a cantankerous artist who uses his dexterous left foot to write and paint.

Trivia:

Based on Christy Brown's life story and adapted from his autobiography titled "My Left Foot."

Daniel Day-Lewis broke two ribs during filming from assuming the hunched-over position in his wheelchair for weeks of filming. He also would refuse to come out of character. On visits to the set canteen, other people would have to help him with food.

Many of the scenes were filmed through a mirror, as Daniel Day-Lewis could only manipulate his right foot to perform the actions seen in the film.

Miramax spent over three times the film production budget on its publicity campaign to get the film noticed for Oscar consideration.

It is the only film ever to get an A+ rating from Entertainment Weekly.

Daniel Day-Lewis's methodical acting for the role famously consisted of him staying in character even when the cameras were not rolling. While many critics applauded his dedication to 'inhabiting' the character of Christy Brown, the film crew and technicians were apparently not impressed, feeling they were having to wheel the able-bodied actor around the set and over obstacles unnecessarily.

In real life, Christy Brown got married to Mary Carr on the 5th October, 1972.

Tag line: Life is nothing but laughter and the occasional miracle.