



Midsummer

Madhyavenal

India/2009/35mm/Colour/126'/Malayalam

World
Premiere 

Director: Madhu Kaithapuram

Producer: Jahangir Shamz

Screenplay: Anil Mukhathala

Cinematography: M. J. Radhakrishnan

Editing: Venugopal

Sound: N. Harikumar

Cast: Manoj K. Jayan, Swetha Menon,
Irshad, Arun, Niveda

Set in a north Kerala village whose history resonates with stories and myths about resistance and rebellion, the film revolves around Sarojini, a *khadi* (loom) worker, who is a Gandhian idealist with the fire of the spirit of resistance in her. Her husband Kumaran is a *beedi* union worker, yet another representative of a bygone era of radicalism and commitment. The life around them is changing fast, with the values they hold dear fast becoming redundant. The film portrays the struggle of this couple and the wider resonances it create in their family and society at large, a struggle that desperately asserts the indomitable spirit of resistance.