



Manimuzhakkam

Peal of Bells

homage

Direction, Screenplay: P A Backer

Producer: K P Thomas

Cinematography: Vipin Das

Music: G Devarajan

Cast: Hari, Cyril, Veeran, Prabhakaran, Urmila, Charulata, Vani

K P Thomas and PA Backer, one of the most radical directors of Malayalam cinema, joined hands to tell the story of a young man caught in between two religious identities. *Manimuzhakkam*, the second film by Backer, won the award for the best film at the Kerala state film awards. Based on a story by Sara Thomas, the film is about Jose Paul, a Hindu by birth who is brought up in a Christian orphanage. He is later adopted by a rich Hindu, who renames him and urges to convert. Jose is thoroughly confused with his own identity when he is rejected by a woman for his complex past. Once he is snubbed for being a Hindu and on another occasion he is ditched for being a Christian.