

Harishchandra's Factory

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India/2008/35mm/Colour/95'/Marathi

Direction, Screenplay: Paresh Mokashi

Producer: Paresh Mokashi

Cinematography: Amalendu Chaudhary

Editing: Amit Pawar

Sound: Pramod Purandare

Cast: Nandu Madhav, Vibhavari Deshpande, Mohit Gokhale, Atharva Karve

Awards/Festivals

Best Film, AIFF, Gujarat. Best Film, Signs, Kerala. Best Director, Pune International Film Festival. G Aravidan Award, Kerala

The biopic of Dada Saheb Phalke, the father of Indian cinema, who, after abandoning a well established printing business in Mumbai, accidentally came across a tent theatre which prompted him to venture in to films in 1911. His hard working wife and two enthusiastic kids stood by him as Phalke took the plunge in to a field hitherto unknown to India. The making of India's first feature film, 'Raja HarishChandra', was an amazing adventure. The film was a big super hit and Phalke got offers from his English friends to make films in London which he refused so that he could make films in India and let the industry take roots in his homeland.

