

The Mother Earth

Bhoomimalayalam

India/2008/35mm/Colour/93'/Malayalam

Direction, Screenplay: T V Chandran

Producers: Revathi Chandran, V P Abeesh

Cinematography: K G Jayan

Editing: Venugopal

Music: Isaac Thomas Kottukapally

Cast: Suresh Gopi, Nedumudi Venu, Priyanka Nair, Padmapriya, Samvritha Sunil

Leksmi Sharma, Kripa, Irshad

Awards/Festivals

Signs Film Festival, Best Indian Film, John Abraham Award, 2009

The film weaves together the experience of seven different young women from different walks, times and parts of Kerala, all of them sharing the same nightmares. Janaki was haunted by the nightmare of the death of her husband in a police firing in 1948. Meenakhi, Janaki's daughter, is traumatized by witnessing the murder of her son in a political clash. Meenakshi's nightmare now gets shared by her daughter Nirmala, and then by Fausia, a TV journalist interviewing Nirmala. Nightmares continue to stifle more women from around. The lives of these women are bonded by the all pervasive sense of fear, with each one of them trying to tackle it on their own terms. Some of them surrender, others falter, but some carry on the fight.