

Calcutta 71

India/1972/35mm/B&W/101'/Bengali

Direction, Screenplay: Mrinal Sen

Producer: D. S. Pictures

Cinematography: K. K. Mahajan

Music: Ananda Shankar

Cast: Utpal Dutt, Devraj Roy, Satya Bannerjee, Madhabi Chakraborty, Gita Sen, Mithu Nandi

Awards/Festivals

National Film Award, India, Second Best Film 1972

National Film Award, India, Best Cinematography 1972

The second of Mrinal Sen's Calcutta trilogy, *Calcutta '71* recounts three famous Bengali stories by three Bengali authors. Together with two contemporary episodes, each story presents an aspect of poverty and exploitation: an angry young man on trial in 1971, a rainstorm in a slum in 1933, a lower-middle-class family during the 1943 famine, teenage smugglers in 1953 and a middle-class group in a posh hotel in 1971. The events are linked by an imaginary young man of 20 who, by 1971, has gained an insight into the dynamics of history and urges action for change.