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(Gautaman Bhaskaran will be covering Osian's Cinefan Film Festival)

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The 12th Osian's Cinefan Festival of Indian, Asian and Arab Cinema opens on 27th July, 2012, in New Delhi after a gap of two years. An India-Czech co-production film PRAGUE, directed by Ashish Shukla and starring Arfi Lamba, will have its world premiere in the competition section of the festival. The film is co-produced by A Glamour Struck productions in association with Maxwell Entertainment.

The film's leading man Arfi Lamba launched his international acting career in Danny Boyle's Academy Award winner SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE. Lamba will also star in THE POLLUTANT, produced by Helena Danielsson whose film BEYOND starring Noomie Rapace (PROMETHEUS, THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO) won the Critic's Week Award a couple of years ago at the Venice Film Festival.

Osian's Cinefan will showcase more than 200 films representing over 50 countries and open with Japanese director Keiichi Sato's ASURA and close with Rituparno Ghosh's CHITRANGDHA.

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Arfi Lamba, A petrochemical engineer and the passion for cinema brought him to Bombay. His first break was came in 'Oscar winning film "Slumdog Millionaire" which opened him to the world of International Cinema. Arfi became famous in International arena for his various movies and various ad films that he has shot.

Arfi also did a video for 'Berlin Tourism' that was released before Don2.



He would soon be seen in a feature film conceived by Rohit Khaitan titled PRAGUE along with Chandan Roy Sanyal and Elena Kazan (from Agent Vinod). PRAGUE where Arfi Lamba plays one of the lead characters is recently selected for the 'Osian Cinefan Film Festival', source adds that those who have seen the movie have praised Arfi for his performance.

PRAGUE is a feature film about 3 young architects from India who go to study architecture of the heritage city. It's also a story of 3 friends, their friendship and their weaknesses as human beings, insecurities and betrayal.

Apart from Prague, Arfi Lamba is busy shooting 'Last Summer' which would be directed by

Shirajee Chandrabhushan, and is also doing Swedish film titles 'The Politian'

Seems like this star is already making his talent count by doing not only different genres but doing different language movies also.

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