

# Onir's Raise the Bar has a star-studded screening at PVR Juhu



Onir's *Raise the Bar* is an award-winning documentary about children with the Downs syndrome and how they come to terms to life in the world. The film's screening saw several film personalities like Rajkumar Hirani, actors Tanishtha Chaterjee, Shreyas Tapade, Rasika Dugal, Sohail Khan, Sanjay Suri, Nidhi Singh, Isha Talwar and others extending their support. Also gracing the event were Mini Mathur, Parmeet Sethi with wife Archana Puran Singh.

The film is a poignant tale which follows awe-inspiring stories of six young individuals with Down syndrome from two different continents who all meet at the World Down Syndrome Congress in Chennai. This film has been produced by Mitu Bhowmick, Founder, Mind Blowing Films and Cate Sayers of e.motion21. The film premiered to a standing ovation at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne where it was presented by acclaimed actress, Vidya Balan.

It is good to see cause based cinema making its presence felt in the Indian film circuit. Onir has been at the forefront of making cause films, with his films like *Rahul*, *Daman: A Victim of Marital Violence*, *My Brother...* *Nikhil* and *Sorry Bhai!*