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## ANNOUNCEMENT: "Halkara" selected as Nepal's Official Entry to the 96th Academy Awards

The International Feature Film Selection Committee (Nepal) is thrilled to reveal its selection of "Halkara" as Nepal's official submission in the prestigious Best International Feature Film category for the 96th Academy Awards. This decision follows a comprehensive and meticulous evaluation process conducted by the Committee.

In response to the recent call for Oscar consideration, the IFFSCN received submissions from five exceptional Nepalese films, each weaving a unique narrative into the rich fabric of Nepali cinema.

Amongst these submissions, "Halkara" emerged as the unanimous choice of the Selection Committee. Its selection was driven by the film's extraordinary capacity to authentically represent Nepal and its potential to captivate audiences worldwide. The movie has garnered widespread acclaim for its innovative storytelling, distinctive thematic elements, compelling narrative, and outstanding performances by its talented cast.

"Halkara" is seen as a true reflection of Nepal, not only in its narrative but also in its exceptional technical craftsmanship.

The IFFSCN, an independent Selection Committee, was entrusted with the responsibility of evaluating these submissions and selecting the most deserving film to represent Nepal on the global stage. Comprising accomplished authors, cultural experts, seasoned film professionals, and media and communication specialists, the Committee ensured a thorough and impartial selection process.

It is essential to note that the designation of "Halkara" as Nepal's submission for the 96th Academy Awards is contingent upon meeting the requirements specified by the Academy.

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