

## **Udaan selected to compete at Cannes Film Festival in Un Certain Regard as an Official Selection!**

**~ First Indian film in 16 years achieves this honor! ~**

Anurag Kashyap, Sanjay Singh and UTV Motion Pictures are proud to announce that their co-production, *Udaan*, directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, has been selected for the 'Un Certain Regard' category at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival. This is one of the most prestigious selections in recent Indian cinema history as *Udaan* is not only the only Indian film to feature in this year's Cannes selection list, it is also the first Indian film to feature in this category in almost 16 years. *Udaan*, is a coming of age film depicting a teenage boy's return home, after being abandoned in a boarding school for eight years.

*Udaan* is the first Indian film in 16 years to be competing for an award in Official Selection at Cannes Film Festival. (The last Indian film screened in Official Selection was *Swaham* in 1994.)

**Anurag Kashyap** said, "It is a moment of great pride that my first independent film as a producer has garnered this recognition. This film wouldn't have been possible without support from Sanjay Singh, who is a builder by profession and came on board purely on the basis of script and trust. UTV has recently partnered with me on the film as a co-producer and will also be distributing the film worldwide. We are confident that this selection at Cannes will go a long way in providing an international platform to the film."

**The director, Vikramaditya Motwane** added, "Being selected along with some of the greats of world cinema is a huge honor for me and the entire crew who have worked on the film. It's great to see our work recognized. I'm truly delighted and humbled."

**Siddharth Roy Kapur, CEO, UTV Motion Pictures**, said, "The Cannes festival is one of the most acclaimed film festivals in the world and it is indisputably acknowledged as the artistic pinnacle for a film to be screened here. Receiving a platform in the Un Certain Regard category at Cannes is a rare honor. Anurag Kashyap, one of India's most talented filmmakers has produced a film of rare brilliance and Vikramaditya Motwane, one of our brightest new directors, has achieved this rare feat with his very first film. We are honored to collaborate with them to give *Udaan* the platform it deserves globally."

**Sanjay Singh**, co producer of the film said, "I'm proud of the movie and team has delivered what they promised. We are representing India, its like music to my ear."

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### **About UTV Motion Pictures**

Established in 1995, UTV Motion Pictures has played an active role in pioneering the studio model in the Indian film industry, where it is able to leverage script development, budget and time management and international distribution.

UTV Motion Pictures has emerged as a strong player in Indian and International cinema with the success of movies like BAFTA nominated *Rang De Basanti*, *Khosla Ka Ghosla*, *The Namesake*, *A Wednesday!* UTV has co-produced movies like Ashutosh Gowariker's *Jodhaa-Akbar*, which was the biggest blockbuster of 2008 and M. Night Shyamalan's *The Happening* which is amongst the top grossers in Hollywood. UTV has also distributed movies like Aamir Khan's directorial debut *Taare Zameen Par* & his production *Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na* in the international markets. Following an successful line up of films in the year 2009 which comprised of blockbusters like *Dev. D*,



*Kaminey* and *Wake Up Sid* UTV has an equally aggressive slate of movies for 2010 like Prakash Jha's *Raajneeti*, Sanjay Leela Bansali's *Guzaarish*, Farah Khan's *Tees Maar Khan*, and many more.

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