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Broken brings violent side of South Asian cinema to forefront

Toronto, Dec. 14 – *Broken*, a film by Jazz Virk of Virk Films, has unleashed a new style of South Asian cinema. The film premiered at the Toronto ReelWorld film festival in April 2004 to a very receptive audience. Virk's dark narrative style effectively tells the story of a traumatized man seeking revenge. The film incorporates different levels of violence, as a means to depict the effect violence has on society.

When describing the message *Broken* communicates, Virk stated, "Violence is all around us. It dwells in our community. I wanted to depict what violence does to our people." To accurately portray its presence in the South Asian community, Virk uses violence as a vehicle to tell the story. For some, it may seem rather harsh. However, through this method, *Broken* reaches the audience in a way that would not otherwise be possible.

Broken takes the audience on a journey through murder, revenge and redemption. It is about two men with entirely different backgrounds and lives, who come together through an unexpected turn of events. Danesh is a 28 year-old, well-educated, successful husband and father. Mac is a struggling, unsuccessful, hired muscle for organized crime. As the story unravels, it becomes evident that the two actually have quite a bit in common – both are dealing with personal demons. Danesh is obsessed with solving his brother's murder, and risks everything by entering Mac's underworld to do so. In an interesting turn of events, Mac seeks redemption from a life full of violence through Danesh. It is through violence that the two men are brought together and finally find what they are looking for.

A great deal of work went into Virk's first film. *Broken* took eight years and \$150,000 to complete. It was important to Virk that *Broken* be as close to perfect as possible – no corners were cut.

The cast of *Broken* includes Rajeev Sharma, Subeena Youll, Swarit Jalal, Shailay D, Sandy Bawa, Mia Virk, Suny Virk, Jazz Virk and Kesh Sharma.

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