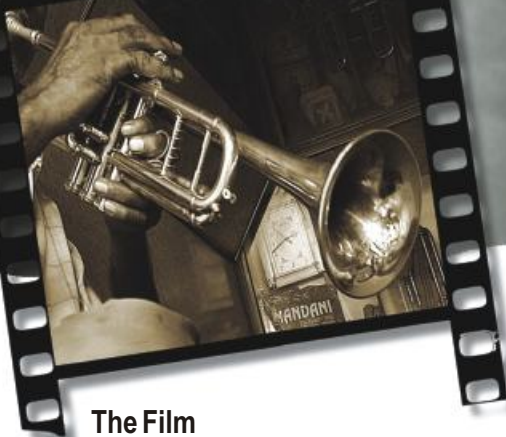


The Band Party

Bajate Raho



Duration: 12mins 30sec

The Film

'Band Party' as they are known in Kolkata, dress up in bright uniforms and use mainly wind instruments, drums and percussions. They are available on hire as accompaniment to any festive occasion, be it a wedding procession or a religious festival. We caught up with a few of them.

These Band Parties brighten up the ceremonies. The trade is gradually disappearing as less and less people opt for such accompaniments..

The Makers

Raja Dey – Director/Cameraman/Producer

Raja started as a freelance cinematographer and documentary filmmaker based in Kolkata, India. As a cameraman his experience ranges beyond documentaries and into narrative fiction, corporate video, commercials, and music videos.

Raja Has been faculty members and courses coordinator at Chitrabani since 2002, the social communications centre founded by Fr. Gaston Roberge, eminent film scholar and by Mr. Satyajit Ray, world-renowned filmmaker.

Raja also, worked as Cinematographer and Producer with Francisco Bello, for the 2008 Oscar nominated, Film Salim Baba, Directed by Tim Sternberg.

Very recently, Raja made his directing debut with a docudrama on the subject of female infanticide in rural India the Film named as "Tamanna".

Bappaditya Chattopadhyay - Editor

Bappaditya did his Post graduation in Film Studies from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. He is working as a freelance editor. He has also directed produced a number of telefilms, and produced a couple of short films.

Bappaditya has been faculty member of NIFA, and Chitrabani , the communication centres founded by eminent film scholars and by renowned filmmakers of India.

Surojit Chatterjee – Music Director

Surojit Started learning the *tabla* from the age of seven under Allahabad University , and received distinction continuously for eight years.

At a later stage Surojit established himself as a Singer, Lyricist, and Composer. As a Singer, Lyricist, and Composer, his experience ranges beyond documentaries and into narrative fiction, corporate video, commercials, and music videos.

It is very recently Surojit and a his fellow musicians formed the Folk band Bhoomi (The Earth). Bhoomi is well acclaimed throughout the world.

Joy Sebastian Panattil – Executive Producer

Sebastian started his career in a communication centre. During the years, he has edited a number documentaries and Television ads, besides his work on Library databases for governmental and non-governmental organisations. Most recently, as Executive Producer of a documentary on Female Infanticide titled "Tamanna", which was telecast by DD Bharati, and other regional languages.