

MEDIA KIT

If everything around you
seems dark, look again,
you may be the light.

~Rumi

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Oli (*Light*)

Logline

A boy. A bioscope. A dream too bright to be broken.

Synopsis

In 1970s Bangalore, young Thomas is a curious, inventive boy with a head full of dreams. When he encounters a bioscope in the local market, it sparks an obsession that pushes him to attempt something extraordinary. Inspired by wonder but limited by circumstance, Thomas sets out on a quest that will test his resourcefulness, determination, and imagination.

Based on a true story.



Genre

Drama/Coming-of-Age: The story focuses on personal growth, the emotional struggles of childhood, and the journey of overcoming challenges.

Family/Inspirational: The film portrays strong familial love, despite misunderstandings, and emphasizes the universal theme of tapping into one's creative potential to achieve something extraordinary.

Themes

Creative Potential: The story highlights the boundless creativity within each of us, especially in the face of limited resources or adversity.

Perseverance and Determination: Thomas's relentless pursuit of his goal, despite ridicule, hardship, and setbacks, demonstrates the power of perseverance.

Imagination vs. Reality: The film contrasts Thomas's imaginative world with the harsh realities of his surroundings, showing how creativity can transcend difficult circumstances.

Misunderstanding and Love: The film explores the theme of being misunderstood by those closest to us while still feeling deeply loved and supported in unspoken ways.

Triumph of the Underdog: Thomas' journey represents the triumph of the underestimated and overlooked, proving that inner strength and innovation can lead to success, even when the odds are against you.



Director's Statement

I connected deeply to the story of Thomas, who, as a boy in 1970s Bangalore, was a budding inventor and who with sheer resilience achieved whatever he set his mind upon. In a defining episode of Thomas' life depicted in Oli, there is motivation for all of us.

The challenges involved in making Oli motivated me to recreate the story that took place a decade before I was born. We needed to draw compelling characters and convey situations and a milieu that existed in a world there is little record of today.

Oli has been an adventurous ride, bringing together a regional Bangalore film crew and international producers, giving our team an amazing experience we will cherish all life.

Technical Details

Running Time - 25:25
Aspect Ratio - 16:9
Shooting Format - RED
Sound Format - 5.1 SURROUND

Language

Tamil with English subtitles

Cast



Mithun MY

Mithun is a national award-winning child artist. He played a main role in "AKSHI", which won the 67th National Film Fare Award. He received the Child Award for "Bala Kala Ratna" (2024). He also acted in the Kannada film "Sheegra Meva Kalyana Prantirastu". He was named Best Child Artist in 2022 at the Chandanavana Film Critics Academy Award.



Moogu Suresh

Moogu Suresh is known for "Kaiva" (2023), "Yajamana" (2019) and "Law" (2020).



Rohini

A stage artist for over 15 years, Rohini has appeared in many Kannada, Tamil films, & serials.

Key Crew

**Richa
Khandelwal Bhat**
Writer/Director

Richa Khandelwal Bhat's productions for television have won international awards, prime-time slots and emotional reactions from viewers across the globe. She recently produced the docu-drama "Shilpi", which is ready for film festival rounds. Richa's 1-hour documentary film, Canada Curry, won the Special Jury Award at TV Cogeco's Star Awards in Ontario, Canada in 2008. Her first short film, "Aatma", won the Best Documentary Award at Millbrook International 3-Minute Film Festival in 2007.

**Prashantt
Chandraah**
Co-Director

Prashantt Chandraah's Kannada debut film #Mute, starring Archana Jois of KGF fame, is set to be shot in Hindi with a big star in the coming months.

A promising director with years of working with Filmfare winning director Shashank on multiple projects with big stars, Prashantt is also a skilled screenwriter, VFX professional and owner of Memeostudios, a leading motion GFX and VFX studio in Bangalore.

Christina de Jong
*Writer/Producer
Executive Producer*

Christina de Jong brings thirty four years of production and communications experience to this film. Her career in the profit and non-profit sectors encompasses both organizational development and storytelling through film and photography. She has traveled extensively in Africa, Latin America, and Asia in her roles of writer/producer/director. Christina is co-founder of Basis: Foundations for Life (www.basislearning.org).

Marvin DeVries
Executive Producer

Marvin DeVries is the Past President of Trojan Technologies, a global leader in water treatment with customers in over 100 countries. Prior to his 30 years of work with Trojan, Marv and his wife, Peggy, served for approximately eight years in Bangladesh, India, and Haiti. Today Marv is engaged with a variety of non-profit agencies and is helping to address water issues faced by Indigenous communities in Canada.

**Thomas
Saverimuthu**
Producer

This film is based on a true story from Thomas Saverimuthu's childhood. Thomas is an IT specialist, a technology solutions provider, and founder of Basis: Foundations for Life (www.basislearning.org).

Vinod Bharathi A
*Director of
Photography*

Vinod Bharathi A is an Indian cinematographer who works in Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam films. He is particularly known for "Mary" (2023), "Traataka" (2018) and "Vishnu Priya" (2023).

Giri Mahesh
Editor

Giri Mahesh is known for "Yellow Board" (2022), "#Mute" (2023) and "Raju Kannada Medium" (2018).

Dr. Shiva
*Composer
Theme Song*

Dr. Shiva acted in the Canadian drama film Amal. He also composed music for the film, including the song "Rahi Nagufta", for which he won a Genie Award for Best Original Song in 2009.

He provided music and vocals for Stephen Lategan's short film "Coxwell & Gerrard", which won a Special Jury Remy Award at Worldfest Houston.

**Gordon
Saverimuthu**
*Sound FX
Film Score*

Gordon Saverimuthu is a lifelong musician, audio engineer, and the founder of Scale Wave Studios in Germany. Specializing in film scoring, foley design, and mixing, he has worked on multiple films, video games, and music productions while actively performing in bands. A two-time winner of the Sounds of Space competition for Space Engineers, he continues to craft immersive audio experiences across various media.

Credits

Directed by
Richa Khandelwal Bhat

Co-Directed by
Prashant Chandraah

Written by
Richa Khandelwal Bhat
Christina de Jong

Produced by
Christina de Jong
Thomas Saverimuthu

Executive Producers
Christina de Jong
Marvin DeVries

Starring
Mithun MY
Moog Suresh
Mithra Girish
Rohini

Director of Photography
Vinod Bharathi A

Film Score Composer
Gordon Saverimuthu

Theme Song Composer
Dr. Shiva

Theme Song Lyricist
Annadurai

Editor
Giri Mahesh

Costume Designer
Puttaraju

Cast

in order of appearance

Thomas	Mithun MY
Augustine	Vijay Kumar K
Malti	Mithra Girish
Father	Eddie Francis
Brother	William Kiran Saverimuthu
Mother	Rohini
Friend	Siddeswar K
Bioscope Operator	Moogu Suresh
Scrap Shop Owner	Keshav
Woodshop Owner	Vishnu

Junior Artists (Extras)

Amaravati	RK Saverimuthu
Abhigel	Shyam
Anitha V	Sudeep
Bhavyashree	Tejomaie
Dhanush	Thomas Saverimuthu
Dilip	Sudeeksha
Divya N	Varalakshmi
Kavya	Vani
Nagabhushan	Jagadish

Crew

Gaffer.....	Joshva
DoP's Assistant.....	Sanjay
Associate Director.....	Madhu Kanta
Assistant Director.....	Venumadhav Bhat
Art Assistant.....	Moushumi Mishra
Set Assistant.....	Mahadeva
Piano Composer.....	Rainer Takashi Steinkamp
Theme Song Vocals.....	Dr. Shiva Nila Sribalaji Dhivya
Foley Artist.....	Gordon Saverimuthu
DI Coloring Production Head.....	Deepak V M
DI Colorist.....	Rajesh J
Conformist.....	Chandrashekar
Motion Graphics.....	Prashantt Chandraah Kiran Kumar Gautham
Title design.....	Vijay Kumar
Subtitles.....	Ashwini D Vasanth
Dubbing Technician.....	Ajay Kumar Hosapete
Studio Location Manager.....	Ashok
Wildclickz Camera Team.....	Karthik, Giriraj, Puttraju
Lightboys.....	Dileep M Gowdru Akrash Chethan Arun Raju Nagaraju Abhishek
Drone Operator.....	Jai
Crafts Services.....	Harisha KR Pete Gangadhar

Shooting Location
Puttana Kanagal Studios
Bangalore, India

Motion Graphics
Memeostudio

Dubbing
Balaji Studios

Music
Scalewave Studios
Studio Art-East

Mixing
Scalewave Studios

DI Color Grading Studio
Fortune FX

Equipment Rental
Wildclickz

Woodshop
Vishwakarma Timber & Plywoods

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