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Bio

An accomplished cinematographer with over a decade's experience under his belt, Sylvester Fonseca graduated from the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in 2013 and has since worked across the world of advertisement, cinema and OTT.

Sylvester's ever-developing portfolio includes the highly acclaimed AMAR SINGH CHAMKILA, his first collaboration with director Imtiaz Ali; KENNEDY, which premiered at the 76th Cannes Film Festival and was the culmination of a long-standing collaboration with one of India's finest storytellers, Anurag Kashyap; and noteworthy fictional narratives ranging from LUST STORIES to SACRED GAMES. His debut feature, ISLAND CITY, won praise at the 72nd Venice International Film Festival.

Also a prolific contributor to the advertising industry to which he credits his origin, Sylvester continually collaborates with leading ad filmmakers, creating some of the most memorable and successful advertising campaigns – FEVICOL, DREAM 11 and ARIEL's viral #ShareTheLoad amongst them.

Sylvester's studied talent and evolving creative vision have established him as one of India's leading cinematographers at a young stage. In 2024, he won his second Filmfare award and was also inducted into the Indian Society of Cinematographers (ISC). He consistently seeks to innovate and elevate cinematic storytelling via his visual language.

Filmography

Amar Singh Chamkila - Feature Film, 2024

Director: Imtiaz Ali

Kennedy - Feature Film, 2023

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat - Feature Film, 2022

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Dobaaraa - Feature Film, 2022

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Choked - Feature Film, 2020

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Sacred Games - Web Series, 2 seasons 2018-19

Directors: Vikramaditya Motwane, Anurag Kashyap, Neeraj Ghaywan.

Manmarziyaan - Feature Film, 2018

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Island City - Feature Film, 2015

Director: Ruchika Oberoi

Some Notable Short Films (also includes Anthologies)

Lust Stories - Anthology Film, 2018

Segment directed by : Anurag Kashyap

Ghost Stories - Anthology Film, 2020

Segment directed by : Anurag Kashyap

Ankahi Kahaniya - Anthology Film, 2021

Segment directed by : Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari

Juice - Short Film, 2017

Director: Neeraj Ghaywan

Kiss - Short Film, 2022

Director: Varun Grover

Clean - Short Film, 2021

Director: Zoya Parvin

List of upcoming Feature Films

Dhadak 2 - Feature Film, 2025

Director: Shazia Iqbal

Nishaanchi - Feature Film, 2025

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Awards and Media links

Critics Choice award 2019 - Best cinematography in a Web series for Sacred Games.

Filmfare OTT award 2020 - Best cinematography in a Web series for Sacred Games.

IWM Buzz award 2022 - Best cinematography in a short film for Clean by Zoya Parvin.

Filmfare OTT award 2024 - Best cinematography in a film for Amar Singh Chamkila.