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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

Main Vaapas Aaunga - Imtiaz Ali , Feature Film, 2026

Dhadak 2 - Shazia Iqbal , Feature Film, 2025

Nishaanchi (Part 1 & 2) - Anurag Kashyap , Feature Films, 2025

Amar Singh Chamkila - Imtiaz Ali , Feature Film, 2024

Kennedy - Anurag Kashyap , Feature Film, 2023

Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat - Anurag Kashyap, Feature Film, 2022

Dobaaraa - Anurag Kashyap , Feature Film, 2022

Choked - Anurag Kashyap , Feature Film, 2020

Sacred Games - Vikramaditya Motwane, Anurag Kashyap, Neeraj Ghaywan. 2018-19

Manmarziyaan - Anurag Kashyap , Feature Film, 2018

Island City - Ruchika Oberoi, Feature Film, 2015

Some Notable Short Films (also includes Anthologies)

Lust Stories - Anthology Film, Segment directed by Anurag Kashyap, 2018

Ghost Stories - Anthology Film, Segment directed by Anurag Kashyap , 2020

Ankahi Kahaniya - Anthology Film, Segment directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari , 2021

Juice - Short Film, Neeraj Ghaywan, 2017

Kiss - Short Film, Varun Grover, 2022

Clean - Short Film, Zoya Parvin , 2021

Awards and Media links

Indian Streaming academy awards 2025 - Best cinematography in a film for Amar Singh Chamkila.

IWM Buzz award 2025 - Best cinematography in a film for Amar Singh Chamkila.

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

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

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

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