

Bend it Like Beckham director to pass on wisdom

Award-winning director to appear at Aberdeen University event.

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The director of hit movie *Bend it Like Beckham* will be at the University of Aberdeen tomorrow to pass on some pearls of wisdom to budding filmmakers.

Award-winning director Gurinder Chadha will chair the university's Director's Cut series, a free event which is open to the public.

Bend it Like Beckham, starring Keira Knightley, became one of the highest grossing British films in cinema history in 2002.

Chadha, who was awarded an OBE for her work in 2006, also directed *Bride and Prejudice*, *Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging* and *It's A Wonderful Afterlife*.

Director's Cut will get underway at 6pm in the King's College Conference Centre at the University of Aberdeen.

Ahead of the public event, she will share her experiences of life behind the camera with around 20 film students from the university.

For the event Gurinder Chadha will be in conversation with Dr Alan Marcus, Head of Film and Visual Culture at the University of Aberdeen.

He said: “Gurinder Chadha is a hugely gifted writer and director who is a real auteur in the way she has developed a confident, energetic and stylistically colourful range of award-winning films over the last decade.

“We are very pleased not only to welcome her to Aberdeen for the Director’s Cut evening event, but also for a masterclass that she has agreed to do for students earlier in the day. This is a special opportunity for them, and I am sure both events are going to be great fun and full of interest and insight into her particular form of movie-making.”

Entry to the Director’s Cut event is free but places must be reserved . This can be done online by visiting <http://abdn.ac.uk/directorscut/>



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