



Heartland Film Society presents

Far North (2007)

January 7th & 8th 2010



The Hackney-born Asif Kapadia made a considerable splash seven years ago with *The Warrior*, an impressively staged martial arts fable set in feudal India and shot in Rajasthan. With this film he returns to story telling in an exotic location. Based on a short story by Sara Maitland, *Far North* stars Michelle Yeoh and Michelle Krusiec as Saiva and Anja, two women struggling to survive in the Arctic tundra after fleeing hostile soldiers. When a wounded stranger (Sean Bean) appears on the ice, Saiva and Anja nurse him back to health, but his presence severely disturbs the relationship between the two women.

Meanwhile, flashbacks reveal the horrific events that forced Saiva into her solitary northern existence, including how she rescued Anja when she was just a baby, as well as the resourceful way in which she eluded her would-be captors. It is beautifully filmed with a minimalist script that builds tension right up to its truly shocking ending.

What the critics said

'It's a pretentious, good-looking mess.'

Philip French, Observer

'It is one of the most purely atmospheric movies of the year - and very original.'

Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

Length and certificate: 89 minutes, 15 **Language:** English

Starring: Michelle Yeoh, Sean Bean **Director:** Asif Kapadia

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