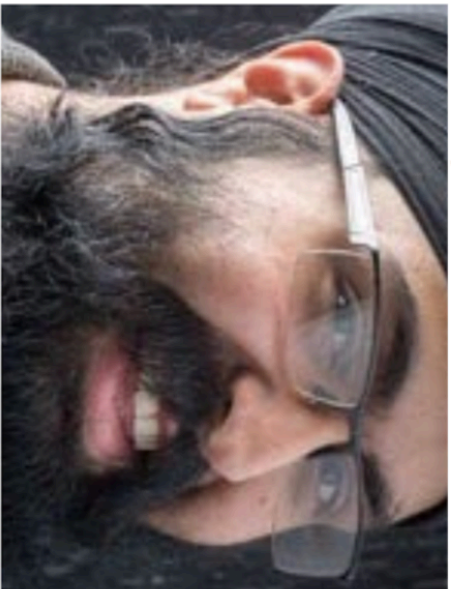




Davinder Singh is an acclaimed Indo-Canadian director, actor, and producer known for impactful projects like *Waleed, What's Your Identity*, and *Beneath the Makeup*. Waleed earned honors as the 3rd Best North Indian Film. Mahju's recent productions include *Apna Farz*, *Basera*, *The Parka Box*, *Bold Helmets*, and *Benaqab Chehre* on Chaupal TV. With several compelling films in the pipeline for 2024, Singh continues to garner attention for his directorial skills.



Harjuss Singh Sehri was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. After high school Harjuss attended the University of Cincinnati, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, and eventually Chapman University getting his MFA in Film Production. Harjuss's thesis "All Quiet on the Homefront" which stars Waris Ahluwalia, was based on the true story of Bhagat Singh Thind. It has screened at Oscar qualifying film festivals such as LA Shorts. Harjuss continues to write and direct films which tend to be focused on identity and power. Currently Harjuss has a feature script in the final round of Sundance Labs and has worked in the industry at places like EuropaCorp and CBS.



# Free Food & Fun Langgar@DU SikhLens Film Festival



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*SikhLens Film Festival*

6/1 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Session 1: Reiman Theatre,

Margery Reed Hall

Session 2: Room 290, AAC



## FILM FESTIVAL:

*"Film festival, gathering, usually annual, for the purpose of evaluating new or outstanding motion pictures." -Britannica*

**All Quiet on the Home Front:** Inspired by Bhagat Singh Thind, a WWI vet loses his citizenship in 1920s America, challenging the concept of American identity in court. (11:31/12:31 PM Session 1)

**American Sikh:** Vishavjit Singh embraces his Sikh identity through a superhero persona, navigating prejudice and finding empowerment in modern America. (11:57/12:57 PM, Session 1)

**The Patka Box:** This documentary explores the cultural significance of the Sikh children's head covering, promoting inclusion and understanding in schools. (12:07/1:07 PM, Session 1)

**Breaking Barriers: The Manka Dhingra Story:** Follow Manka Dhingra's journey as the first Sikh woman in a U.S. state legislature, focusing on her justice reform efforts. (11:32 AM, Session 2)



**Rhymes With Hunger:** This documentary provides an inside look at the student-led 2023 Langar event hosted by the University of Denver. Capturing interviews, activities, and the vibrant community atmosphere, the film sheds light on the creative process behind organizing this annual gathering. From the diverse array of flavorful foods to the joyful interactions between participants of all ages, the documentary celebrates how DU students, staff, and local residents came together in a spirit of togetherness and cultural exchange through this community-run event.

**(1:30PM, Session 1, Q&A to follow)**



**Hidden Histories - The Sikh Migration Path to Canada:** This film reveals the struggles of early Sikh migrants to Canada in the face of discrimination and anti-Asian sentiments.

**The Sikh Soldier:** This documentary depicts a Sikh soldier's experiences in the Great War and challenges upon returning to India. (11:52 AM, Session 2)

**Sikh Formaggio:** This film follows Sikh immigrants in Northern Italy saving the Parmesan cheese industry while navigating challenges to their identity and beliefs. (12:36 PM, Session 2)

**Uprooted:** Uprooted tells the story of a Sikh family fleeing Punjab for France after 1984, facing a turban ban and fighting for their identity rights. (12:57 PM, Session 2)

**Connecting the Dots:** Connecting the Dots highlights Rubab Chishti's efforts to conserve the 190-year-old Choa Sahab Gurudwara in Pakistan, linking past heritage with future generations. (1:07 PM, Session 2)