



The U.S. Consulate General Mumbai Moves to Bandra Kurla Complex

January 2012



“As our partnership expands and modernizes, so must our Consulate. This new, state-of-the-art facility will allow us to reach out to new people, both in person and using new digital technologies.”

- Consul General Peter Haas



...the new facility would support the growing travel, business and people-to-people ties that are so important to what President Obama has called an “indispensable partnership.”

- US Deputy Secretary William Burns



“We welcome back our long-time friends and members, and we also look forward to reaching new audiences in Mumbai’s suburbs.”

- Public Affairs Officer Anne Grimes

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H O L I D A Y S

January 2: New Years
January 16: Martin Luther King’s Birthday Day
January 26: Republic Day

A WORD FROM THE CENTER

We've moved!! I'm sure you've probably already heard the news, but now it is official. On December 16, 2011, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William J. Burns inaugurated the new facility in the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), in front of a crowd of over 500 which included Maharashtra Minister of Public Health and Protocol Suresh Shetty, U.S. Chargé d'affaires A. Peter Burleigh, and U.S. Consul General Peter Haas.

So how does it feel? I have to say *kabhi khushi kabhi gham*. Like many of you, I have great memories of the American Center building in Churchgate, which served us so well for so many years. But also like many of you who have been to the American Library and multi-purpose room in our new home in BKC, I appreciate the natural light and spaciousness of our new "digs." If you haven't come in yet, please do! In the month of January, we are ramping up programming again – our weekly movies will start anew, as will Mumbai Mondays. The American Library will re-open to the public (exact date still TBD, so keep checking our website, Facebook and Twitter for the announcement). We'll be creating great new memories!

You may note that the title of this piece is still "Word from the Center." That is not a mistake. While the physical building that was the American Center is no more, the spirit of the American Center is still very much here. Everything that we did before, we will do more and we will do better, and beyond that, we will introduce new, exciting and innovative products and programming. We will continue to be a welcoming space for all of you – so in the end, it's more *khushi* than *gham*.



Anne E. Grimes
Public Affairs Officer

We're Open

Our programs at the new facility in Bandra Kurla Complex opened to a packed house! Our first event, an interactive discussion with photographer Bill Armstrong, had an audience of 60 people, with the vast majority being photography students from Rachna Sansad and other colleges as well as former professors of photography and members of The Photographic Society of India. The audience had a wonderful interaction with Bill Armstrong, a photography instructor at the International Center for Photography and Adjunct Professor at the School of Visual Arts, New York, who has been exhibiting his work since 1997. They also had a chance to see some of the artwork in the new facility. We look forward to more such participation for our events coming up in the new year!

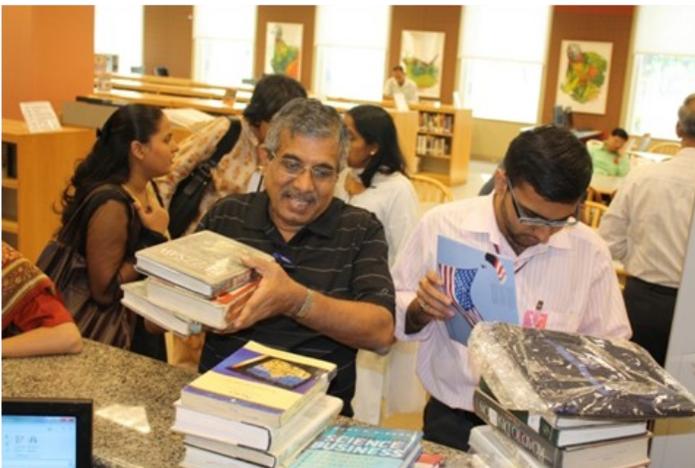


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We've crossed 15000 likes on Facebook! A big thank you to all our fans! Are you a fan of our Facebook page yet? Go to www.facebook.com/amcentermumbai to 'Like' us."

NOTES FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY

Welcome to the American Library!
View of the American Library's new location in BKC



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Admission to American Center programs, restricted to persons over 14, unless otherwise specified, is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes before the start of the program.



The American Library is up and running in its new location in BKC! The hours remain Monday to Saturday 10 am to 6 pm. A photo ID is a must to enter the premises.

There is limited parking at the Consulate, available on a first come, first served basis.

NO mobiles, computers, cameras, or other electronic equipment will be allowed inside the Consulate or the American Library. Limited lockers are available to deposit electronics. Internet is available in the Library.



You can contact the American Library at:

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Come to enjoy the ambience, explore the collection and reconnect with us!!

What Our Library Visitors Are Saying:-

“Excellent that the American Center has moved to the other side of Mumbai!” - Dr. Rashmi Bhure, IVLP Alumna

“The American Library collection is very good, and I am keen on taking the membership” - Archana Devhekar, Ex-Librarian

“The American Library is one of the best places to study. The collection is good for all age groups” - Rachit Somani, Student

“The new library is very good” - P.S. Rao, ONGC

“New books in Gujarati, love to read them” - Nimish Shah, Amber Home

“Nice ambience and helpful staff” - Pranali Kadam, Student, V.G. Vaze College, Mulund

“Lovely space. Hope the cultural space is truly loved and appreciated” - Nandini Bhaskaran, Freelance journalist

“Fascinating, encouraging, tranquil ambience. Happy and Good Luck” - Kumar Ketkar, Editor, Dhainik Bhaskar

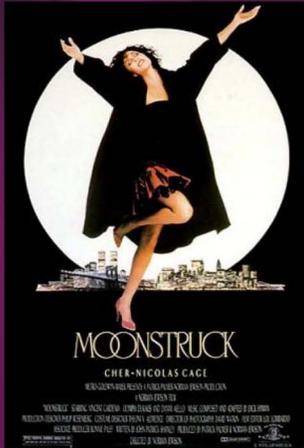
“Excellent facility. It’s good to be isolated from mobiles for a while.” - Rushoti Roy, Student

“Well laid out and comfortable; Pleasant environment; Reader friendly; Could spend the whole day in the library” - Dr. Kashmira Mody, Lecturer, St. Andrew’s College

Laugh Your Way Into the New Year

The American Center brings you a month of comedy.

Jan 7

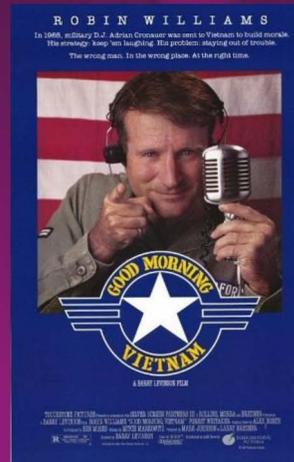


MOONSTRUCK

(1987, 102 min)

Three Academy Awards, including Best Actress and Supporting Actress, went to this wonderful romantic comedy featuring Cher as an Italian-American widow whose plans to remarry hit a snag when her fiancé's brother falls in love with her. Nicolas Cage, Danny Aiello, Vincent Gardenia and Olympia Dukakis also star; Norman Jewison directs.

Jan 14

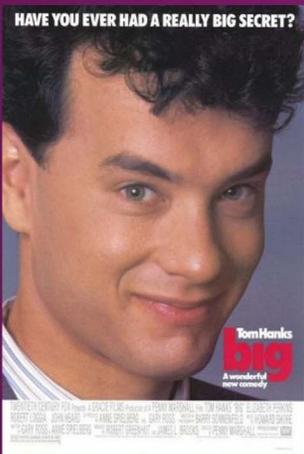


GOOD MORNING VIETNAM

(1987, 121 min)

Armed Forces Radio in 1965 Saigon was unprepared for the one-man assault launched on the airwaves by maverick deejay Adrian Cronauer. Robin Williams garnered an Oscar nomination as real-life manic motormouth Cronauer, whose on-air antics delighted the troops and infuriated his superiors. Co-stars Bruno Kirby, Forest Whitaker, J.T. Walsh, Floyd Vivino.

Jan 21



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(1988, 120 min)

Tom Hanks stars in this hit comedy as the fast-rising toy company executive whose big success hides an ever-bigger secret: he's really a 13-year-old kid who magically became an adult thanks to a carnival wishing machine. Hit "body-switch" farce also stars Elizabeth Perkins, Robert Loggia, John Heard, Jon Lovitz; directed by Penny Marshall.

Jan 28

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING

(2002, 95 min)



Feel-good sleeper sensation stars Nia Vardalos (who also adapted her one-woman play) as a Chicago-based woman who works at parents Michael Constantine and Lainie Kazan's Greek restaurant, but longs for romance and a life for herself. After taking computer classes, she gets a job at her aunt's travel agency, where she meets and falls for personable teacher John Corbett, who must now come under her family's scrutiny. With Andrea Martin, Joey Fatone, Gia Carides.

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★ **Film screening will start at 2:30 p.m.** ★

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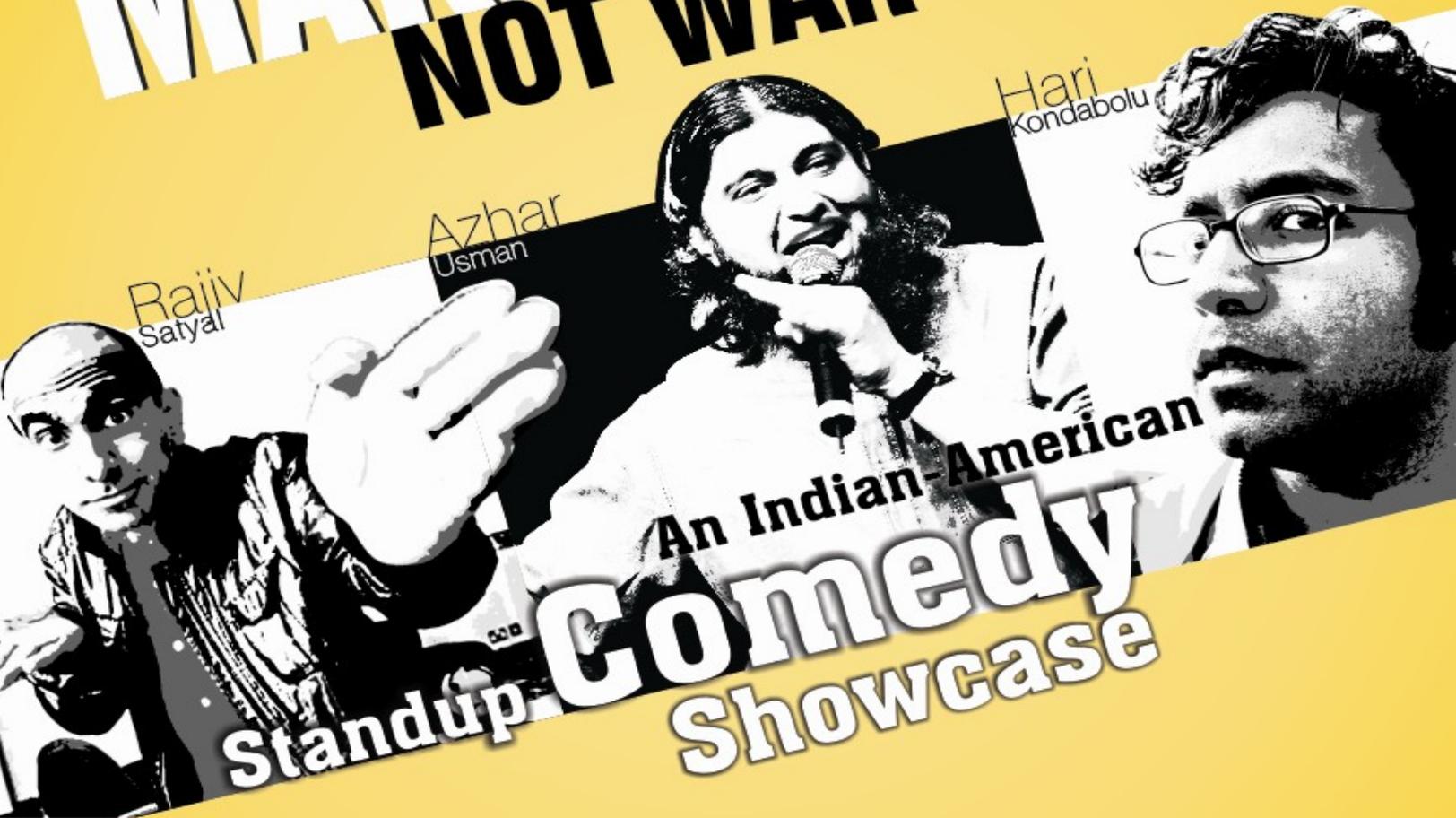
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January 18, 2012
at 8:00 p.m.

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Gen. Jagannath Bhosale Marg,
Opposite Mantralaya, Mumbai-400021

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