



CITY OF TAMPA

Pam Iorio, Mayor

Greetings:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Fourth Annual Tampa International Film Festival. Featuring a major retrospective of the acclaimed Indian Filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta and an introduction of the latest film by award-winning Canadian Director Bernard Emond, this festival will offer all those attending an opportunity to experience and appreciate the very best of international cinema.

As a city that prides itself on its inclusiveness, the City of Tampa is pleased to join with the organizers in their efforts to support and celebrate the diversity of our community. This 2006 festival promises to be even more successful than previous years, drawing thousands of fans and featuring even more critically acclaimed films from around the world. It promises to not only entertain and enlighten its audience, but also provide a better understanding and enjoyment of diverse cultures through the art of filmmaking. We are proud that Tampa is enriched by the diversity of our citizens and hope this festival will help highlight the many accomplishments we have made as a community.

Special thanks should be given to the organizers for once again offering this important cultural film experience to our residents. Your continued commitment has played a large role in the success of our artistic and cultural industries as well as in our effort to promote Tampa as a “City of the Arts” – a place known for celebrating the works of artists, writers, and performers from throughout the world.

Once again, welcome and my best wishes for a successful event. May this festival continue to flourish and enrich our community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Pam Iorio