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("Phatik and the Juggler")

India : 1983 : dir. Sandip Ray : Tea King

: 108 min

prod: : scr: Satyajit Ray : dir.ph.: Soumendu Roy

Rajiv Ganguly

Kamu Mukherji; Biplob Chatterji; Kamal Deb; Haradhan Bannerji

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Kidnapped and robbed of his memory all at once, Phatik is in a bit of a fix

Source: Film Review 1983-84

27th London Film Festival (1983)
programme review:

"Satyajit Ray has a high reputation as a creator of both children's films and books. Now he has assisted his son Sandip to break into film-making in the same area by writing the script and the music for this delightful tale about a rich 12-year old boy learning the ways of the world. The boy, a charming innocent (portrayed by Rajiv Ganguly) is kidnapped by a gang but escapes suffering from amnesia and is taken under the wing of a migrant juggler in Calcutta (Kamu Mukherji). The film relates his adventures on the road with the juggler until eventually his memory returns and he goes home rather the better for the experience. Nicely photographed by Soumendu Roy (Satyajit's cameraman) and deftly directed by Sandip, this is a film that should appeal to both adults and children."

Film Review 1983-84 review:

"This is the first film directed by Sandip Ray, Satyajit Ray's son. His father wrote the story and the music for the film. A young boy (played by Rajiv Ganguly) is kidnapped, loses his memory and develops a great affection for the street juggler who takes care of him, not knowing who he is."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]



*"For this boy I give you six rupees, and may your belly be the nesting place of serpents!"
Phatik found the street-bartering customs quaint and obscure...*

Source: 27th London Film Festival programme

No further information currently available. Nothing else is known of the stunning Ranjiv Ganguly. For a list of Satyajit Ray's own films for children, see subject index under **DIRECTORS**. The biography "*Satyajit Ray's Art*" by Firoze Rangoonwalla only runs to 1979, so there is no mention of this title.

See also "**BARI THEKE PALIYE**" (59), in which a boy runs away to Calcutta from a cruel father and discovers the excitements of the big city, and see subject index under [ALL IN THE FAMILY](#), [ASIA](#), [KIDNAPPING](#), [ROAD FILMS](#) and [SPECIAL FRIENDSHIPS](#).