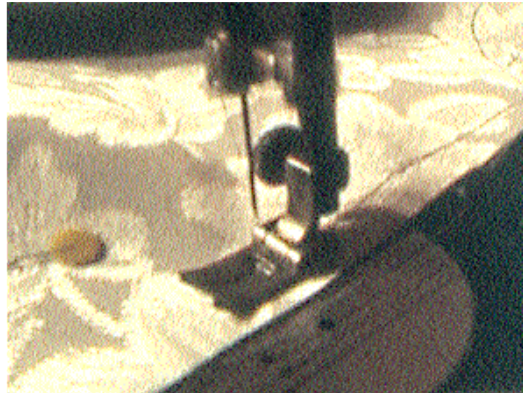


# COOLIE GYAL

A FILM BY  
RENATA MOHAMED



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## **SYNOPSIS**

In this coming out story, an honest and sincere letter is read from a daughter to her parents. A familial montage is incorporated with a heartfelt narrative filled with the expectations and anxieties of a young woman.

## **DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY**

Renata Mohamed is a Guyanese-Canadian filmmaker born in the British Virgin Islands. She immigrated to the Toronto area in the late 1980s. Renata is a graduate of the Integrated Media program at the Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD) in Toronto, Canada.

She has worked as the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator for the Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT), a media-arts centre dedicated to independent filmmaking, since 2003. Renata is active in the Toronto arts community, volunteering for numerous organizations including the Inside Out Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival and the South Asian Visual Arts Collective (SAVAC).

COOLIE GYAL has screened at more than 30 festivals worldwide. She is currently developing a documentary that explores Caribbean ghost stories. Renata strives to celebrate the rich and colourful facets of her West Indian heritage through film.

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

COUNTRY:	Canada
YEAR:	2004
ORIGINAL TITLE:	Coolie Gyal
ORIGINAL LANGUAGE:	English
GENRES:	Narrative, Experimental
PRODUCTION FORMAT:	Super 8mm, Colour
SCREENING FORMAT:	BetacamSP (NTSC & PAL), VHS (NTSC)
RUNNING TIME:	7 minutes 20 seconds
ASPECT RATIO:	4:3
SOUND:	Stereo

## CREDITS

PRODUCTION COMPANY:	Ahmeba Images
DIRECTOR:	Renata Mohamed
PRODUCER:	Renata Mohamed
WRITER:	Renata Mohamed
CINEMATOGRAPHER:	Renata Mohamed
EDITOR:	Renata Mohamed
SOUND DESIGNER:	Renata Mohamed

PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT:  
Ontario College of Art & Design  
Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto

POST-PRODUCTION FACILITIES:  
Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto

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## SCREENINGS

### MAY 2004

GO WEST Exhibition Toronto, Canada  
Ontario College of Art & Design  
The Graduate Show Toronto, Canada  
Ontario College of Art & Design

### JUNE 2004

reHAB: Parkdale Film + Video Showcase Toronto, Canada

### SEPTEMBER 2004

Lisbon Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Lisbon, Portugal

### OCTOBER 2004

Ladyfest Toronto! Toronto, Canada  
Seattle Lesbian & Gay Film Festival Washington, USA

### DECEMBER 2004

GuyCarib World Film Festival Georgetown, Guyana

### JANUARY 2005

MONITOR: Contemporary South Asian Film & Video Toronto, Canada  
South Asian Visual Arts Collective  
Brussels Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Brussels, Belgium  
Bloomington Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Indiana, USA

### FEBRUARY 2005

Ms. Films North Carolina, USA

### MARCH 2005

Women of Color Film Festival California, USA  
(e)motional: Women of Color Film Festival California, USA  
San Francisco Cinematheque  
Dawson City International Short Film Festival Yukon, Canada

### APRIL 2005

London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival London, England  
The Images Festival Toronto, Canada  
ReelWorld Film Festival Toronto, Canada

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## SCREENINGS

### MAY 2005

Commonwealth Film Festival	Manchester, England
aluCine Latin@ Film Festival of Toronto	Toronto, Canada
Inside Out Lesbian & Gay Film & Video Festival	Toronto, Canada
Echo Park Film Centre: Youth Film Festival	Los Angeles, USA
Sugar & Splice: A Feminist Film Festival	Winnipeg, Canada
<i>Winner: Grand Prize for "Jury Shorts Competition"</i>	

### JUNE 2005

reHAB: Parkdale Film + Video Showcase	Toronto, Canada
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### JULY 2005

ArtWallah: Festival of the South Asian Diaspora	Hollywood, USA
ReelPride Film Festival	Halifax, Canada

### AUGUST 2005

FILMI South Asian Film Festival	Toronto, Canada
Masala! Mehndi! Masti! South Asian Festival	

### SEPTEMBER 2005

Antimatter Underground Film Festival	Victoria, Canada
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### OCTOBER 2005

St. John's International Women's Film Festival	Newfoundland, Canada
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### NOVEMBER 2005

Hysteria: A Multidisciplinary Festival of Women	Toronto, Canada
IAAC Film Festival: Indian Independent & Diaspora	New York, USA
Indo-American Arts Council	
Regent Park Film Festival	Toronto, Canada

### DECEMBER 2005

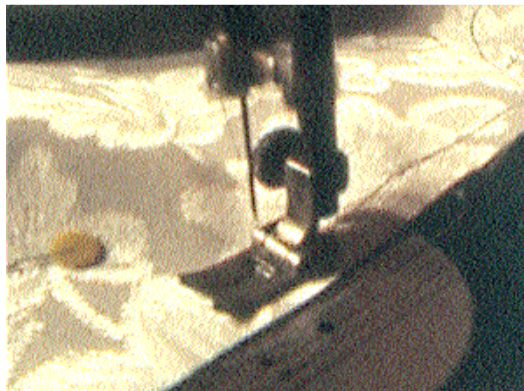
Amsterdam Lesbian & Gay Film Festival	Amsterdam, Netherlands
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### JANUARY 2006

Queer Voices: From The North Film Festival	Sault Ste. Marie, Canada
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STILL #3 - STIR

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