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## Vasan Bala

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## Thanks Maa - HEARTFELT - HARDCORE

*"Itni badi gaand aur itna sa gu....."*

**DISCLAIMER** - Don't let the title fool you

Soda exclaims when he checks the purse that Municipality and he had flicked from Mumbai Central station.

5 mins into Thanks Maa and you are transported to the Means Streets of Mumbai...be prepared to be bowled over.....or smashed. For all those who have trained their ears to negate or filter the voices from the streets by plugging in your i-POD or closing those power windows and switching on that AC full blast. These sounds will pierce your ears.....for me it was sheer delight. Finally a film which did not hold back. Gaand Faad!!! The sound of Thanks Maa is definitely a winner for me.....the sound of Mumbai.

**For the streets of Mumbai  
Of the streets of Mumbai  
By the streets of Mumbai**

Slums, sewers, cross genders, whores, junk heads, jerk offs, incest, pedophiles, thieves, cops, graveyards, railway lines, boot polish and abandoned 1-2 day olds.

A man is inserting a syringe in his forearm. Another asks him, how did he manage to procure the "solution"?

*"wo lala la lollipop chusana...."*

A true Mumbai film for me in a long long time as far as the lingo goes. I remember being taken aback when I saw Pavan Malhotra scratching his balls without a worry in the world in Salim Langde Pe Mat Ro. I always thought such surrender to ones character only happens in art cinema.....none in the so called commercial format had the gall.

I correct/state/clear myself again....it's not just crass language or some inane profanity which gives me the rush.....not just for the heck of it.....if the milieu demands then so be it and when I came out in the interval.....Irfan proudly claimed...that was the censor passed version you just saw.....no beeps.....no cuts. Indian censor has certainly come a long way...Irfan has certainly pulled it off. Take a bow for that alone.

Irfan Kamal has gone all out getting his actors and camera down and dirty. Not once shying away for anything. And in spite of all this. Real locations, real kids from the street and a tight 30 day schedule...various locations...and all this in **SYNC SOUND**.

I out rightly refused to believe that for sometime.....eventually gave in.

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A big thumbs up for sheer effort and gutso. Not writing in too much and I apologies if I have given away anything. Anyways find it pointless to write a synopsis for the film. You can check the website out.

<http://www.thanksmaa.com/>

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1. OM on March 18th, 2009 1:56 pm

eh..another recco for this movie...awesome awesome...  
"Itni Badi Gaand aur itna saa hi gu?"..ehehe hillarious reminds me of  
" Gaand mein nahi hain gu..hagg ne chala juhu"...

2. Amit Mishra on March 18th, 2009 8:17 pm

24 hrs  
2 strong recommendations  
1 great film  
3 months to go still....argggghhhhhh  


3. Kenny on March 18th, 2009 8:34 pm

There are a lot of great lines in Thanks Maa. In fact, there're so many great things about it one should just go ahead and watch it. Vasan, sahi bola, no point writing a synopsis. No synopsis can do justice to the flavour of the movie

4. Cherish on March 18th, 2009 8:52 pm

I suppose the movie is releasing this Friday right?

5. Magik on March 18th, 2009 9:01 pm

hope it releases in b'lore. will watch it for sure.

6. Kenny on March 18th, 2009 9:06 pm

No, it's releasing in June-July. Blame it on the producer-multiplex tussle and the IPL

7. [-uh-](#) on March 18th, 2009 10:31 pm

Wow...another debut director to make a mark ?  
As you said, dounds like a true phaadu movie.

Cheers!

–uh–

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