

MISSION BEACH FILM CLUB

Presents: *Sita Sings the Blues*

on Saturday 31 January 2015 from 7 PM



Sita Sings the Blues

2008 USA – 89 minutes – Animated – not rated

Stars: Annette Hanshaw, Aseem Chhabra, Bhavana

Nagulapally **Director:** Nina Paley

IMDb Rating: 7.7 - Based on "The Ramayama of Valmiki"

Trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot0BNbXnz5s#t=27

Language: English

The glamour of India, the glamour of the 1920s, the depth-sounding drumbeat of the ancient mythic world, and the woman who loves the wrong kind of man – Nina Paley gets them all together, along with a relevant chunk of autobiography about a disappointing husband of her own, in her dazzling first full-length animated feature.

In the ancient Indian story, the Ramayana, Sita is the wife of the man-god Rama, and the embodiment of the Virtuous Wife. She suffers one awful punishment and test after another from her mistrustful and apparently other-directed (what will people think? Etc.) husband. In Paley's movie, Sita steps forward from time to time to sing a torchy Jazz Era song ("Mean to Me," and the like) in the voice of Annette Hanshaw, a stylistically elegant and not-well-enough-known voice of the '20s.

Location: C4 Theatrette – North Mission Beach (next to  Tourist Office)

Start: 7.00 PM

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