



Film explores fragmented families

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Mississauga film producer/director Rashmi Lamba is premiering a documentary this Sunday that examines the concept of fragmented families as one of the major challenges of globalization and immigration.

Begumpura: The Wives Colony explores the social and psychological implications experienced by a group of South Asian immigrant wives in Mississauga while their husbands return to the Gulf states for job opportunities. Learning to cope, these women have formed a unique social network, known as 'Begumpura' – The Wives Colony – where they offer aid and support to one another.

The documentary focuses on four women, including Lamba, struggling and succeeding in different ways. Each woman reveals the negative implications of their split families, including the challenges of single parenting, changes in marital relationships, bureaucracy and culture. The women also share the positive outcomes, such as newfound independence and heightened feelings of self-worth.

All four women make different decisions and come to different conclusions based on their own experiences. The film will be aired on OMNI.2 in Ontario on Sunday, at 7 p.m., for Hindi language audiences, and on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., for English language audiences.

"Begumpura captures the unique networks, bonds and camaraderie demonstrated by these women, not only supporting each other emotionally and physically, but helping one another to grow in their current surroundings," said OMNI national vice-president Madeline Ziniak.

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