

# FINDING Happiness

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Finding Happiness release in India is scheduled for mid-April 2014

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**Mumbai** Jan 5th 2014(Eddie Patel): *Finding Happiness*, a film that is both entertaining and enlightening, is produced by Hansa Productions; directed by Ted Nicolaou; produced by Roberto Bessi; executive produced by Shivani Lucki and Nancy Santoshi Kendall.

The film's lead actress is Elisabeth Rohm who has featured in leading popular US TV series like *Law & Order*, *The Client List* and *Heroes*. Elisabeth's most recent film, *American Hustle* has just been nominated for the 2014 Academy Awards/Oscars in March this year.

The film's backstory involves a familiar native son who achieved world renown in the 1920s–1950s. Known as India's "spiritual ambassador to the West," **Paramhansa Yogananda** was one of the most significant spiritual figures of our times, the founding spirit, and continuing guide, of the **now global yoga and meditation movement**. His *Autobiography of a Yogi* is the most-read autobiography of all times.

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Yogananda's mission to the US included two key points that powerfully influenced his young disciple, J. Donald Walters, later renowned as Swami Kriyananda. First – personal change starts within. Second – our environment greatly influences our search for happiness. Yogananda envisioned places where people could put high principles into action – "world brotherhood colonies," he called them. In 1968, Swami Kriyananda founded the first community near Nevada City, California, in the beautiful foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

Against this background, fictional journalist Juliet Palmer, an investigative reporter specializing in stories that expose corruption, receives an unusual (and unwanted) assignment from her boss at *Profiles* magazine: she'll visit a spiritual community in northern California that has developed alternative solutions to the world's problems for nearly half a century. While at Ananda World Brotherhood Village, she'll interview its visionary founder.



With a fair portion of scepticism and a dash of curiosity, Juliet embarks on a professional and personal journey that will open her eyes and change her life. Filmed on location at the Ananda communities in California, Italy, and India, *Finding Happiness* follows Juliet as she talks with the real residents of Ananda who answer her questions and welcome her to a reality she had never imagined possible.

As Juliet researches Ananda, an inspiring self-portrait of the community emerges. We meet a group of people who have made the personal journey from idealism to inner transformation, and who have developed practical solutions for a sustainable, harmonious, inwardly fulfilling way of life.

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Elizabeth Rohm in a still of Finding Happiness

In her interviews, especially those with Kriyananda, she finds answers for her personal quest. His gentle wisdom helps her discover eternal truths with the power to transform her life.

*Finding Happiness* has received the Award of Excellence at the International Film Festival for Peace, Inspiration and Equality; was a Finalist at the Moondance Film Festival, and is debuting in South America at the Festival International de Cinema e Transcendencia in Brasilia.

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