

Guru Nanak Jahaz is all set to sail

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The first-look poster offers a realistic glimpse into the film's characters and promises a compelling visual representation of the story. (Photo: Facebook/Tarsem Singh Jassar)

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Punjabi singer and actor Tarsem Jassar, renowned for his selective approach to choosing film projects, has unveiled the first-look poster of his upcoming film *Guru Nanak Jahaz*. This film is based on the historic Komagata Maru incident of 1914, a significant chapter in Sikh history.

Jassar, who earned critical acclaim for his 2023 film *Mastaaney*, shared an elaborate post on social media about *Guru Nanak Jahaz*, expressing how dedicated he and his team have been to portraying this important historical event with the respect and accuracy it deserves. Jassar emphasized the hard work put in to ensure the story is told authentically, honoring the sacrifices and struggles of those involved.

The first-look poster offers a realistic glimpse into the film's characters and promises a compelling visual representation of the story. *Guru Nanak Jahaz* stars Jassar alongside a talented ensemble cast, including Gurpreet Ghuggi and Baninder Binny, and is directed by Sharan Art. The film is presented by Vehli Janta Films, with the screenplay written by Sharan Art and Harnav Bir Singh. The film is produced by Manpreet Johal and will be distributed by Omjee Cine World.

This film has generated significant curiosity, especially given its portrayal of the Komagata Maru incident, a crucial event in Sikh history that has been widely discussed in Canada and other parts of the world. In 2024, over 500 people gathered in downtown Vancouver, including representatives from 14 local gurdwaras, MPs, city officials, activists, and community members. During this gathering, an Ardas (prayer) was performed, and a resolution was passed, underlining the importance of the *Guru Nanak Jahaz* in upholding the principles of justice, inclusivity, and equality.

Raj Singh Bhandall, the founder of Wanajara Nomad Collection, who has raised awareness about the importance of understanding the true significance of *Guru Nanak Jahaz* and distinguishing it from the Komagata Maru, praised Jassar and his team for their efforts. Bhandall remarked, "Your decision to embrace this meaningful title is a testament to your understanding of its profound significance. It reflects a deep respect for the heritage of our Sikh Punjabi community. The leadership shown aboard the *Guru Nanak Jahaz* demonstrated resilience, courage, and inclusivity, uniting Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs alike."

Guru Nanak Jahaz is set to release in the summer of 2025, and it promises to be a powerful cinematic tribute to this remarkable moment in history.