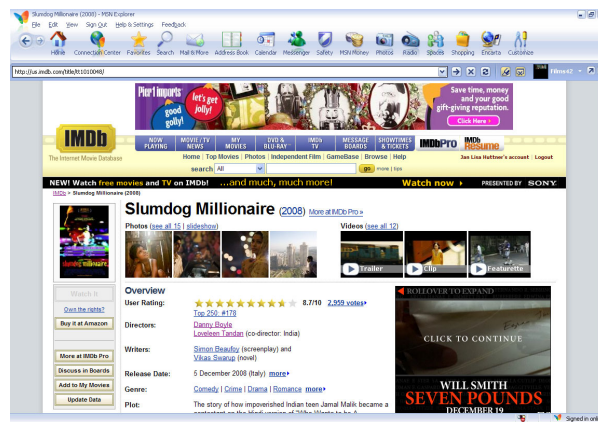


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Dear Ms. Dinnage,

According to the Internet Movie Database, Danny Boyle is the director of *Slumdog Millionaire* and Loveleen Tandan is his “co-director.”



<http://us.imdb.com/title/tt1010048>

This morning the Hollywood Foreign Press Association nominated Danny Boyle for a Golden Globe award for his work on *Slumdog Millionaire*.

Question: If Loveleen Tandan was Danny Boyle’s co-director then, why isn’t she his co-nominee now?

Most sincerely,

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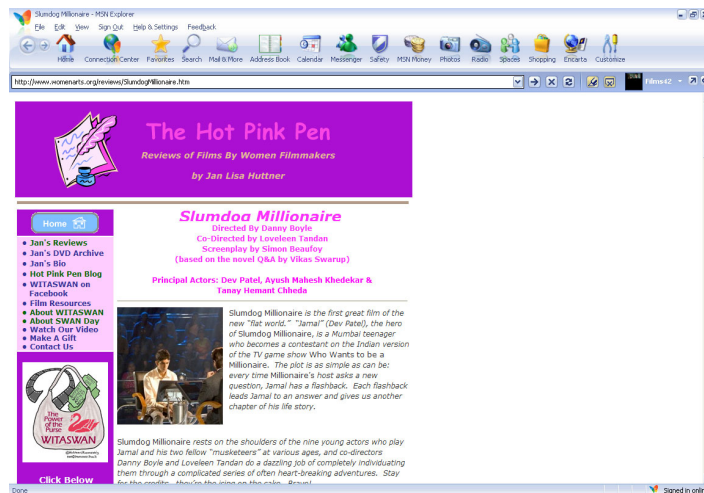
# Who is “the director” of *Slumdog Millionaire*???

Here is what Danny Boyle had to say when I asked him this question face-to-face:

**Danny:** As I was casting with [Loveleen], I realized, because I'm not a fool, that I needed her there every day.

**Jan:** And now you're calling her your “co-director,” right?

**Danny:** Yes, she deserves it! She's a proper director.



<http://www.womenarts.org/reviews/SlumdogMillionaire.htm>

And yet, minutes ago, Danny Boyle, and Danny Boyle alone, was nominated for a Golden Globe award...

The recent election of Barack Obama proves the power of the internet to create positive societal change from the ground up. In this case, I am asking you to write to The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, and ask them why. I sincerely believe that if enough of us demand an answer to this question, then our combined voices will have significant impact on the 2009 Oscar nominations (to be announced on January 22).

Remember, only 3 women have ever been nominated for Best Director in the 80 year history of the Oscars (~.75%). Furthermore, if Loveleen Tandan is nominated for an Oscar for her work on *Slumdog Millionaire*, then she will be the first woman of color ever nominated. Isn't this something worth fighting for???

Signed:

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