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BROADWAY

LIFE OF PI (3 TONY AWARDS) Mrs. Biology-Kumar / Zaida Khan; Amma Cover SCHOENFELD / Max Webster

TELEVISION (SELECTED, WORKED ACROSS ABC, NBC, CBS, HBO MAX, HULU, SHOWTIME, STARZ, BBC, MTV, HERETV)

THAT DAMN MICHAEL CHE RECURRING (opp. Colin Jost & Omari Hardwick) HBO Max/Rodriguez/Richardson
MAIN JUSTICE (PILOT) ★ Possible RECURRING (Dir. of Homeland Security) CBS / David Semel
FOR LIFE Possible RECURRING (Dir. of Communications) ABC / Erica Watson
PEOPLE YOU KNOW SERIES REGULAR Here TV / Rob Margolis
THE BLACKLIST 2-scene Co-Star opp. Megan Boone NBC / Kurt Kuenne
THE PATH 2-scene Co-Star opp. Aaron Paul HULU / Michael Weaver
★ EP Jerry Bruckheimer, Eric Holder; **13 Scenes** opposite Tim Hutton and Bokeem Woodbine as part of the Command Center Team

FILM (SELECTED, PERFORMED IN 30+ INDUSTRIALS, COMMERCIALS & SHORTS; VO INCLUDES PBS, USPS, LOOPING)

SILENT PARTNER Supporting EP BLACK MAN FILMS / Dir. Eric Branco
BASEMENT Supporting EP MATTHEW D. PANEPINTO / Dir. Robert Rosenbaum
1 OUT OF 30 Supporting AT&T HELLO LAB / EP LENA WAITHE / Dir. V. Vallabhaneni
HAVE YOU SEEN ENOUGH? Lead PURE IMAGINATION / Dir. Matt Garcia
BRAVEN HEALTH SPOTS X 4 Spokesperson Doctor BRAVEN HEALTH / Dir. Adam Michael Nelson

OFF-BROADWAY AND OFF-WEST-END (♦ DENOTES MUSICALS)

OCTOBER 7 (*upcoming*) Yasmin THE ACTORS' TEMPLE / Dir. Claudia Feldstein
RAIN + ZOE SAVE THE WORLD Mom / Moon JERMYN ST. THEATRE / Dir. Hersh Ellis
BARS AND MEASURES † Sylvia (sang opera and jazz) URBAN STAGES / Dir. Kristan Seemel
ACQUITTAL Marium PAN ASIAN REP / Dir. Noelle Ghousaini
THIS TIME (NYT Critic's Pick) Janine (lead) RISING CIRCLE / Dir. Kareem Fahmy
† AUDELCO Nomination

NEW YORK THEATER 29H READINGS (SELECTED, ♦ DENOTES MUSICALS)

MONSOON WEDDING ♦ (Broadway-bound) Vijaya ROY GABAY MGMT. / Dir. Mira Nair
TAMBOURINE ♦ Nuri RCI THEATRICALS / Dir. JoAnn M. Hunter
BAK CHANG ♦ Vatsala 5TH AVE THEATRE / Dir. Nina Zoie Lam
OCEAN IN A TEACUP ♦ Boro-Ma DAVENPORT THEATRICALS / Dir. Max Friedman
IN A SEA OF FACES ♦ Rebekah (lead) HYPOKRIT THEATRE / Dir. Arpita Mukherjee
BOLLYWOOD KITCHEN ♦ w/ Sri Rao Anu (lead) HYPOKRIT THEATRE / Dir. Arpita Mukherjee
LIGHTHOUSE (performed at Joe's Pub) ♦ Various NYU GTWP / Dir. Adrienne Campbell-Holt

REGIONAL (SELECTED, ♦ DENOTES MUSICALS; ALSO PERFORMED WITH ARENA, STUDIO, CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE)

LIFE OF PI (*BROADWAY TRY-OUT*) Mrs. B-K / Zaida Khan; Amma Cover A.R.T. / Dir. Max Webster
OTHELLO † Desdemona THE KENNEDY CENTER / Dir. Paata Tsikurishvili
BARRIO GRRRL! ♦ Mom THE KENNEDY CENTER / Dir. Peter Flynn
BENGAL TIGER AT THE BAGHDAD ZOO Hadia ROUND HOUSE / Dir. Jeremy Skidmore
MACBETH † Lady Macduff SYNETIC THEATER / Dir. Paata Tsikurishvili

† Helen Hayes Award, † Helen Hayes Nomination (2 awards, 4 nominations)

TRAINING

EDUCATION: B.S., Stanford; S.M., MIT; MBA, Harvard Business School

GRADUATE, ACTING: Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory under Joy Zinoman, Washington, DC

VOICE: Mike Maixner (Matt Farnsworth Voice Studio), WPAS Gospel • TV & FILM: Bob Krakower, Ted Sluberski, Sarah Baskin

IMPROVISATION: Upright Citizens Brigade (Jordan Klepper, Patrick Clair, Corey Brown) • MOVEMENT: Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili

SPECIAL SKILLS

PRODUCER: Co-Founder, Black Man Films ("Silent Partner"; 2023 DWF:LA Grand Jury Prize "Speak Up Brotha!"; EP "Harlem Fragments")

MUSIC: Mezzo/Belt (D3 to C6, read music / sight sing); Ukulele and Piano (beginner); *Physically-Fit Actor who moves well*

LOVER OF LANGUAGE: Fluent Urdu and Hindi, Near-native Spanish, Beginning Arabic and Farsi, Intermediate German

EXCELLENT EAR FOR DIALECTS: Pakistani, Indian, British, Brooklyn/NYC, Middle Eastern

LINKS: [IMDbPro](#), [Actors Access](#), [Spotlight-UK](#), [Instagram](#), [Reel](#), [Website](#)