Jashnebachpan: She Stood Up



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Writer & Director: Zubin Mehta
Group: Wings Theatre Academy & Vivek High School, Chandigarh
Language: English, Hindi & Punjabi
Duration: 1 hr 25 mins

About the Group
Wings Theatre Academy was established in 2012. The aim of the academy was to give a platform to the students in and around Chandigarh, whereby they could hone their skills, grow as individuals, and work constantly to grow the faculties of their mind, while simultaneously opening up the world of theatre to a city still in the process of finding its pulse. The academy is currently 150 students strong, all of whom are in the age group of 7 to 30 yrs. The academy has staged over 20 annual plays in the last six years.

About the Play
She Stood Up, directed by Zubin Mehta, focuses on different aspects of school life. The story is about two girls who despite having different personalities and backgrounds come together, become good friends, and take little steps of courage to change people’s perspectives. They empower girls

through a soccer match. It is a very simple, realistic and relatable story which comes with a strong message of motivation and courage to stand up for what is right, and of breaking gender stereotypes from an early age. While highlighting the above, it has light, innocent and humorous moments for the audience to enjoy. This play was devised with a lot of inputs and ideas from the young actors who come from various schools in and around Chandigarh. The cast of the play comprises entirely of children between the ages of 8 and 11 years, who have been training with Wings Theatre Academy at Vivek High School, over the last few years.

Director

Zubin Mehta, started his theatre journey at the age of 8 as a child artist. He travelled extensively to the interiors of Punjab to perform plays based on socially relevant topics, using theatre as a medium of social reform. In 2004 at the age of nineteen, Zubin was appointed as a theatre teacher by Yadavindra Public School, Mohali to establish a dramatics society which later became a part of the curriculum. During his tenure, he directed school productions, worked with children of various age groups and developed content for theatre workshops. In 2012, he founded Wings Theatre Academy. He has worked with more than 3000 actors – children, adolescents and young adults.

Director's Note

The movement of Woman Empowerment has been gaining momentum in our country in the last decade, but we are still dealing with the horrors of Nirbhaya and Kathua. The real empowerment should happen at a young age. It is the young girls that we need to empower to make a significant difference. She Stood Up was devised with 45 students from 6 years to 12 years of age, studying in different schools of Chandigarh. We started the rehearsals with the wish to do something for young girls, but what and how, we had no idea. I sat with my young cast for the first few days and just explored the idea with them. I tried

to gauge what was it that they wanted to share on the subject, what empowerment meant to these young children. Brainstorming happened for the next few days and we had the outline of our story with us. It was a simple story of a young girl fighting with the school authorities for something that she thought was her right.

Cast & Credits

On Stage

Chamanlal	Eklavya Mogla
Satish	Aditya Goyal
Saurabh	Anhad Mogla
Sandhu Sir	Kanwardeep Singh
Pranay's father	Kevinpratap Singh Sidhu
Ravi Bhaiya	Aarav Joshi
Lata	Kashish Aggarwal
Pooja	Ridhi Ahluwalia
Promila	Navika Singh
Ria	Saira Mamik
Birso	Paakhii
Principal	Hiral Thakur
Mrs Subramaniam	Aahana Gupta
Mrs Chaddha	Simer Suri
Miss Negi	Kashish Dhingra
Mrs Misra	Dia Lekhi
Mrs Shergill	Rabbani Lehal
School Nurse	Ishrat
Sunny Singh	Abhaydeep Singh
Aakash	Angad Singh Tur
Gurfateh	Inderpal Singh
Pinky Singh	Pranit Singh
Umang Shankar	Adhiraj Sehgal
Pranay	Dev Pannu
Raghav Jain	Samay
Param	Sumeir Ahluwalia
Seerat	Saanvi Kanwar
Pallavi	Mishika Singh

Kaveri	Aanvi Bahri
Mili Mittal	Sohaya Aulakh
Pavni Chaddha	Aaina Chaddha
Jhanvi Goyal	Mannat Verma
Priya Chauhan	Inayat Dhingra
Mrs Verma	Kashvi Wadhwa
School children	Sidak Singh Talwar, Navya Singhal, Vaanya Pathak, Rehmat Sandhu, Brinda Thamman, Meher Kumar, Sarah Setia, Nikasha Luthra

Off Stage

Assistant Director	Namita Chandhoke
Overall Coordination	Amrita Patti & Dashveen Kaur
Light Design & Execution	Zubin Mehta
Set Design	Zubin Mehta
Background Music	Manav Bhinder
Costumes	Amrita Patti, Dashveen Kaur
Make-up	Balaji
Backstage Assistance	Puneet
Produced by	Wings Theatre Academy, Vivek High School, Chandigarh

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