

NSD Hosts the 8th Theatre Olympics – India 2018



About Theatre Olympics

The Theatre Olympics was established in 1993 at Delphi, Greece. As an international theatre festival, the Theatre Olympics presents some of the greatest theatre practitioners from around the world, offering a platform where despite ideological, culture and language differences, dialogue is encouraged. Since 1993, the Theatre Olympics has been held seven times in: Japan (1999), Russia (2001), Turkey (2006), South Korea (2010), China (2014), and Poland (2016).

17th February 2018: Imprinting her name in the global theatre map, India on this day threw the floor open to the 8th Theatre Olympics, the largest

theatre festival of the world,
being hosted for the first time in India by the National
School of Drama, under the aegis of
Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Shri Venkaiah Naidu,
Hon'ble Vice President of
India, along with Union Minister of State for Culture (IC) Dr.
Mahesh Sharma, inaugurated
the mega event at the historic Red Fort.

"The 8 th Theatre Olympics will take Indian culture and
heritage to the world and bring the
world to us. Art has the power to unite people across the
globe. India believes in the culture
of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam which means the entire universe is
one, which is an integral part
of the Indian cultural and theatrical tradition," said Vice
President of India Shri Venkaiah
Naidu on the occasion

"Through the 8 th Theatre Olympics, we meet the rich
theatrical tradition of India and we
encourage the articulation of a free and collective voice
which will defend the value of the
theatre tradition, research, and experimentation," said
Chairman of International
Committee of Theatre Olympics, Mr. Theodoros Terzopoulos.on
the occasion

**The video film, prepared by students of IIIT, Delhi, shows
some of the major highlights of the festival including
glimpses of Directors Meet in which Theatre Directors
interacted with Theatre Critics, Theatre Students, Theatre
Buffs a day after the show and so many other highlights like
the Food and Theatre Bazar. It captures the festive ambience
of the event**

Theatre Olympics: First time in India

Badi Bua Ji



The Play

Set in the 1960's, this play moves from comic relief to comic relief...! The relief, however, one shall realize, is from the rather serious determination and steadfast passion that a fairly large crowd of young theatre enthusiasts nurtures in its attempt to stage a play that is meant to open in two days' time. Their dream of doing well is hindered by an aged matron

who also happens to be the aunt of the heroine of the play. Theatre or no theatre, acting or no acting, lies or no lies, this generation or that generation – you shall join these dilemmatic crossroads with the characters of the play to partake in a roller coaster ride of love, unity, traditions and passion for the stage. And yes...they finally staged the play successfully!

Director's Note

Can a language have what has come to be called 'purity'? Is accent a part of one's identity or does it exists outside an individual's personality, therefore demanding avoidance, removal, extermination? Is language necessary for communication, to build one's identity? Our body carries its culture with it – a fact that no one can escape. I wanted to incorporate our multifarious cultural codes entwining and entangling with each other within the context of the play. Dealing with this concern seemed exciting and through the process a *Garbha Nataka* i.e. a play within a play, could generate. You shall find, like in our lives, that many events take place simultaneously throughout the play. This simultaneity is what I see as an important characteristic emerging within my performance-making process. The structure of the play, and the structure of the space-design for the play, both carry strong threads of simultaneity. Do not be disturbed by it! One does not get to witness everything happening around one's life! Maybe, one does not need to. Let's be as realistic as possible! So... Lights, Sound, Make-Up, Costume ... Action....!

The Director

Sagnik Chakraborty has done the three-year diploma course with specialization in Design and Direction from National School of

Drama, New Delhi. He has been an active theatre worker from Siliguri, West Bengal. Now he is working as a freelance designer and director.

The Playwright

Badal Sircar was a dramatist and theatre director from Bengal. He was the founder of Shatabdi, a theatre company founded in 1976. His plays *Ebong Indrajit*, *Basi Khabar* and *Saari Raat* are regarded as classics and are timeless. He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1968, Padmashri in 1972, and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship in 1997. His real name was Sudhindra Sircar, and he was born on July 15, 1925 in Kolkata. Badal studied Engineering and Literature. His earlier works were comedies, and later he wrote on serious subjects. After writing the landmark play *Ebong Indrajit*, he wrote a series of extraordinary plays like *Baaki Itihaas* (1965), *Pralap* (1966), *Tringsha Shatabdi* (1966), *Pagla Ghoda* (1967), and *Shesh Naai* (1969).

The Group

This play is being presented as a part of National School of Drama's graduate showcase (class of 2017), which aims to provide a platform for emerging theatre practitioners, allowing them to share their work with a wider audience.

Cast & Credit

Badi Buaji

Rukmini Sircar

Yogin

Manohar Pandey

Anu

Suman Purty

Shambhu	Vivek Emmaneni
Nitai Da	Niranjan Nath
Phuphaji	Rohit Jain
Ananth	Abhinav Lucky Pateriya
Pratima	Jina Baishya
Munni	Pallavi Jadho
Dhruvesh	Lanuakam
Shashaank	Ujjawal Yadav
Mr. Sen	Baljeet Singh
Mrs. Sen	Swati Dubey
Girl	Abhilasha B. Paul
Set Design	Sagnik Chakraborty
Light Design	Ujjawal Yadav
Operation	Aruja Srivastava
Music Composition Pateriya	Sayan Chakraborty, Abhinav Lucky
Lyrics Chkraborty,	Divyangana Sharma, Sayan
Vocal Chattopadhyay	Shruti Sahu, Sukanya
Chkraborty	Lanuakam, Sayan
Percussion	Sayan Sarkar
Sound Engineer	Sukanya Chattopadhyay

Costume Assistance

Goge Bam

Stage Manager

Greeney Francis, Debarati Sikdar

Playwright

Badal Sircar

Translator

Pratibha Agarwal

Director

Sagnik Chakraborty

KARTIK? !



The Play & Director's Note

This play has a storyline that could have been based on

tomorrow morning's newspaper headlines. Using the wonderful theatrical device of three actors playing the central character of Kartik, we are able to enter his fractured world. We simultaneously see him as he was before the accident that changed his life; we also see him as he is immediately after the accident, recovering in hospital, at home and in school; as well as when he is an adult. The play brings together the present, past and future in a seamless whole. It has been a fascinating journey with the actors and my own team. We have interviewed teenagers, their parents and teachers; watched their interactions in school, home and on the metro; created improvisations; spent hours mastering the intricate choreography; enjoyed the shopping for clothes that capture today's Delhi; and worked hard at creating over 36 characters, played by just 14 actors!

The Director

Educationist, theatre director and activist, Feisal Alkazi lives and works in New Delhi. Over the past forty years he has carved his own niche with his group, Ruchika. He has directed over 200 plays with adults in Hindi, English and Urdu. Most recently, two plays, *Noor* and *A Quiet Desire*, written by him have been produced. In addition, he has directed over 100 productions for schools all over India. Ruchika also runs a training program in theatre for children since 1997. Feisal has written 24 books as well and is a counsellor with Sanjivani. In the field of disability, he has directed 30 films and produced several plays.

The Group

The Theatre-in-Education Company (Sanskaar Rang Toli) of the National School of Drama was established on October 16, 1989, and is one of the important educational resource centres in

the country. The TIE Co. consists of a group of actor-teachers working-with and performing-for children. The major focus of the company is to perform creative, curriculum based, and participatory plays in school, designed and prepared specially for children of different age groups. The company holds a one month long intensive Summer Theatre Workshop for Children organized in May-June every year. TIE Co. has participated in many international theatre festivals and symposia in countries including Poland, China, Philippines and Japan. Jashn-e-Bachpan and Bal Sangam are biannual festivals organised by the company where it invites plays by and for the children from different parts of the country.

Cast & Credits

Sutradhar Kartik Kumar	Manoj
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Old Kartik, Gym Teacher, Shashank	Manish Saini
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New Kartik Mridul Anand	
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Mummy Aparna Kapoor	
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Papa, Changezi, Bhaiji	Mahesh Kumar
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Raghav Manoj Sharma	
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Himanshu, New Dancer	Tasabber Ali
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Nancy Jyoti Bala	
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Doctor Fatima, Rubina, Announcer	Jyotsana
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Inspector, Nurse1 Sasthri	Nidhi S
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Anshika, Nurse2, Vicky

Soumita Kundu

Anthony, Shiny
Verma

Piyush

Drug Peddler, Teacher

Kaleem Zafar

All Street Voices & Dancers
Aparna Kapoor, Soumita Kundu, Piyush Verma,

Jyotsana ,

Mahesh Kumar, Manoj Sharma, Nidhi S Sasthri

Choreographer
Kant Singha

Vishwa

Assisted by
Sandeep Kashyap

Costume Design
Sheeba Assisted by Jyotsana

Shaik

Set, Poster & Brochure Design
Shah Assisted by Kamal Kumar

Jagan

Light Design
Chawla Assisted by Joginder Singh, Dhirender Kumar

Mona

Light Design
Chawla Assisted by Joginder Singh, Dhirender Kumar

Mona

Music Operation
Sheel/Vikram Jeet Singh

Stage Manager & Property

Nidhi S. Sasthri

Tailor
Saroj Silswal, Akhtar Ali

Sound

S.

Manoharn, Pratap Singh, Subhanjan

Photography & Videography

Deepak Kumar

Assistant TIE

Co. B.S

Rawat

Administration Staff

Pirat Singh

Negi, Darmiyan Singh, Shailender Kumar,

Neha Bhatt

Attendant

Md.

Rashid, Pawan Kumar

**Chief of TIE Co.
Khatana**

Abdul Latif

Asst. Director Mona Chawla

Translation & Adaptation

Kiran Deep Sharma

Design & Direction

Feisal Alkazi

**Paule Chalati Pandharichi
Vaat**



The Play

Vari, a religious procession, has mesmerized the whole Maharashtra for the past 800 years. It is a valuable treasure of Maharashtrian culture. It is not only a celebration but also underlines the human progress, cultural and religious overflow, and gives us universal energy. It also symbolizes religious humanism, unity, and brother-hood, and gives us experience of stress-free life with self-discipline and physical fitness. Due to today's stress-full life, competition and rat race, it is difficult for an individual to participate in *Vari*, and experience the sublimity. Keeping the same in mind we have planned this *Vari Natya* (Vari through drama/play) so the audience can experience this procession from Alandi to Pandharpur.

Director's Note

Vari Natya is a celebration that points out the vices in human

nature and gives a social message.

It makes you realize the importance of going to Pandharpur once in a life time. After viewing the play everyone will carry the grandeur and the positive attitude of varkaris. They have the potential to keep themselves content in any condition with their and peace of mind. Though Pandurang is the God of suppressed/down trodden class, our play will highlight their richness and importance too. Our play is a revolution for new generation to be one with the tradition, worship, unity, diversity and the immersion of *Vari*.

The Director & Co-Playwright

Dr. Sandeep Mane, despite working with the Government also manages Karmbhumi drama

at Kashil, Satara district. He has also worked with Saraswati Theatres to provide recognition to the

rural districts' performers. He has managed various plays at Shahapur, Thane, Panvel, Raigad

and many other places in and around Mumbai. He is the co-writer & director for *Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat*.

The Playwright

Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat (A million steps heading towards the abode of God in Pandharpur) is a

Vari Natya (Musical performance of a Theatrical Play). We are leaping towards 21st century with the wings of novelty and modern thinking, in a fast paced life. Progress in life is evident when we follow such virtues and vices, especially in a modern day society which is under stress. While we move ahead

towards progress we may also get stuck like a stick in mud, with social insecurities and incurable diseases of mind and body. Keeping this in mind Joy Kalamanch and Saraswati Theatre joined hands to produce and present *Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat*.

Cast & Credits

Kirtankar	Suresh Chauhan
Gojakka	Sulbha Jadhav
Mann	Mangesh Kasekar
Mukta	Sayli Kajdodkar
Vinekari	Madhu Shinde
Shantakka	Sneha Paradkar
Rukmani	Archana Jagtap
Vitthal	Sachin Gajmal
Co- artists Kasare	Komal Kasare, Kajal Kasare, Tejal Kasare
Aankanksha Rakde,	Madhuri Gayakwad,
Dongre,	Krutika Kambde, Ruchita
Vayal, Rajesh Vadunj,	Shefali Sawant, Monika
Aakash Rajguru,	Prakash Bhagat, Vikas Kot,
	Prashant Dawde, Pradeep

Jadhav, Pravin Kadam,

Chandorkar,

Palande

Sailesh Godpade, Vishwanath

Rohan Kasare, Somesh

Set & Lights Design

Sunil Devdekar

Lyrics

Mohan Samant

Shashank Kondilkar &

Music

Datta Thite

Choreographer

Sachin Gajmal

Make-up

Parshette

Aniket Kadokhe & Vaibhav

Costume

Jethe

Master Balwant & Savita

Sound

Nilesh Gawde

Setting Boys

Ram Sagre & Team

Lights Equipment

Sayli Lights

Backstage

& Gajendra Sapte

Savita Jethe, Rajesh Valunj

Instrument player

Vinay Sawant

Sculptor

Aambekar

Srikant Dhalkar & Ratan

Host

Sandeep Vichare

Production Manager

Moiz Tarwadi

Producer
Kalamanch)

Joy Nagesh Bhosle (Joy

Concept

Sachin Gajmal

Playwrights

Yuvraj Patil & Dr. Sandeep Mane

Director

Dr. Sandeep Mane

A STRAIGHT PROPOSAL by Happy Ranajit



The Play

The play covers the life of Mitesh the protagonist of the play, the ups and downs in his life which goes parallel to the ups and downs of the LGBT movement in India. The play unfolds a series of love stories of Mitesh and his relationship with his brother and father which bring out the several problems in gay community. A secret life and a mysterious death of Mitesh in this play are not just incidents they become metaphors for us.

Director's Note

The pink triangle was one of the Nazi concentration camp badges, used to identify male prisoners who were sent there because of their homosexuality. We all condemn Hitler for his deeds. The play speaks about the problems and possibilities of LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender) culture in India in current political scenario in India. It's about a man who is in constant search of a committed relationship and who wants to live with dignity. Each scene of this play is a portion of diary of an imaginary character Mitesh. Each page of the diary is related to the moment of LGBT in India, an article number of IPC which makes every act of an individual a crime in some or the other way.

A story of one diary, four love stories, one phone call, four days of love, one promise, four lovers and one gun.

The Playwright & Director

Happy Ranajit started working in theatre since his childhood at Odisha and after completing masters in science, he joined NSD and successfully completed his degree with specialization in acting in 2008. He has acted in more than 60 plays with

many eminent directors like Ram Gopal Bajaj, Amal Allana, Anuradha Kapur, Tripurari Sharma, Anamika Haksar, Abhilash Pillai, K.S Rajendran, Dilip Shankar, David Freeman and Powel Miskinviz. In 2010, he participated in the physical theatre workshop by theatre ZAR, Poland.

Apart from acting, he also conducts acting workshops, writes and directs plays. He has written and directed following plays – *Familiar Strangers*, *Moth*****er*, *Hangover*, *Love ka Overdose*, *Wizard of Numbers* *Genuine Liars*, *A Straight Proposal*, *Ward No. 30*, *Bhagyashree ka MMS Dekha Kya*. Out of which *Familiar Strangers* and *Genuine Liars* got published recently in one book called “Strangers and Liars”

He got the best actor award at Mahindra theatre awards 2010 for his performance in *Roop Aroop*. He also won the best actor award at the international GATS theatre festival for the play *Richard III* at Beijing, China. He has received the Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar by Sangeet Natak Akademy for acting for the year 2012.

The Group

Established in 2010 and got registered in 2012 by a group of young artists. Unicorn Actors' Studio is set with a purpose to give platform to ideas, new thoughts and experimental performances. The group focuses on evolving new texts, new language of performances, collaborative works and performances on a regular basis. The group has produced two plays so far such as Ernest Hemmingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* and Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliette*. *Familiar Strangers* is the third and latest production of this group. The group has travelled in many parts of India and has conducted acting workshops.

Cast and Credits

Mitesh Shankar	Dilip
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Dhruv Joshi	Teekam
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Amar Goel	Nitin
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Kranti Bajwa	Yuvraj
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Turag Kaifi	Junaid
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Amitesh Shankar	Shaurya
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Colonel Bakshi	Ashok Dhawan
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Pink Boys Tushir, Aman Sood.	Vaibhav Raj, Aditya Sinha, Anjeet
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Harshvardhan Chaturvedi

Lights	Happy Ranajit
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Sound Design	Sandy Singh
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Sound Operation	Akshay Sharma
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Video Projection	Akash Mahamana
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Costumes	Anupriya Bhagat
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Choreography	Gilles Chuyan
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Property	Deepanand
Backstage	Lucky
Production	Sachin kumar
Stage Manager	Mohit Raj Saxena
Asst. Director	Gauri Dewal

Playwright & Director Happy Ranajit

KHAMOSHI SILI SILI by Joseph Stein



The Play

This play is a translation of *Fiddler on the Roof* written by Joseph Stein. It is a musical that deals with the displacement of communities. The story is neatly bound to the Kashmiri situation in our country. Prithvi Nath loves his daughters, and goes against the traditional norms, allowing them to marry men of their choice. Shuhul, the third daughter chooses to marry a Muslim...

Director's Note

Going along with the central theme of the play, the contemporary situation of our society took the forefront. The final situation chosen is the plight of the Kashmiri Pandit community. This choice is to support the script with a relevant social background which can be projected on a larger canvas, and can highlight the pain and problems of the people who have been displaced from their own land.

The Director

Suresh Sharma did PG diploma with specialization in Acting from National School of Drama in 1985.

In 1987-88 he established the only non-government Repertory in the district of Mandi (Himachal Pradesh). From 1996-98 he worked as the Artistic Director of Sri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Delhi. In 1998 he established the first non-government fully residential Theatre Academy in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. Mr. Sharma has been felicitated by Sahitya Kala Parishad. Sangeet Natak Academy awarded *Mohana*, a play written and directed by him, under the Young Director's Scheme.

The Playwright

Joseph Stein (May 30, 1912 – October 24, 2010) was an American playwright best known for writing the books for the musicals *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Zorba*. His greatest success came from writing the book for the 1964 musical play *Fiddler on the Roof*, for which he won three major awards, including two Tonys.

The Translator

A playwright, actor and director of great repute, Asif Ali Haider Khan obtained a PG diploma with specialization in Acting from Nation School of Drama. Later, he worked with NSD Repertory Company as an actor for many years. He received the Sangeet Natak Academy's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for playwriting in the year 2006. Currently, he is teaching Modern Indian Drama at National School of Drama, New Delhi.

The Group

Established in 1964 with only four members, the Repertory Company is the regular performing wing of the School. It was set up with the dual purposes of establishing professional theatre on one hand and continuing with regular experimental work on the other.

Cast & Credits

Prithvinath Zutshi

Shanawaz Khan

Jungaash
Mandal

Shruti Mishra/ Sampa

Shuhul

Aparajita Dey

Sheen	Sukhinjeet Kaur
Nonika	Rukmini Sircar
Himaal	Aparna Menon
Didda	Bornali Borah
Leelawati Mishra	Sampa Mandal/ Shruti
Shambhunath	Deep Kumar
Gaffara	Sikandra Kumar
Bakshi Singh (Kikka)	Rajib Kalita
Brijlal Raju Roy	Niranjana Nath /
Rajguru Babasaheb	Dhutamal Ravi
Policeman	Vivek Emmaneni
Somnath	Mazibur Rehman
Badrinath	Naveen Singh Thakur
Paadshah Thorat	Siddheshwar Kashinath
Makkhan Lal	Raghendra Pratap Singh
Krishanpir	Mahendra Singh
Firdous	Mohan Lal Sagar
Grandmother	Shruti Mishra / Sampa Mandal
Chorus Kadir Shah,	Moti Lal Khare, Abdul

Thakur, Md.Suleman,	Naveen Singh
Bisht, Naresh Kumar,	Dharam Singh
Menon	Mazibur Rehman
Male	Bijja Aparna
Male-1	Naveen Singh Thakur
Male-2	Naresh Kumar
Kukka	Mazibur Rehman
Woman-1	Raju Roy/Niranjana Nath
Woman-2	Sukhinjeet Kaur
Mandal	Shruti Mishra / Sampa
Male-1	Dharam Singh Bisht
Male-2	Pradeep Aggarwal
Set Design	Bansi Kaul
Set, Props Execution	Rajesh Bahl
Set Execution	Ram Pratap, Dharam
Singh, Manoj Kumar	
Light Design & Operation	Govind Singh Yadav
Assistance	Md. Suleman,
Pradeep Aggarwal	
Costume Design	Kirti V. Sharma

Assistance Vishwakarma	Pushpa
Costume in-charge	Budh Ram
Chief Costume Coordinator	C.S. Bhatia
Assistance	Parvati Bisht
Sound Operation	Mukesh Kumar
Sound & Music Recording	S. Manoharan, Subhanjan
Property Design	Suresh Sharma
Property in-charge	Motilal Khare
Music	Kajal Ghosh
Tabla & Dholak	Om Prakash
Octopad	Narender Kumar
Harmonium	Naveen Singh Thakur
Tumbkh	Feroz Ahmed
Rabab	Gulam Qadir
Gara	Fearoq Ahmed
Sarangi	Syed Yaseen
Kashmiri Diction	Ashwath Bhatt
Dance Classes	Sonal Modi Vorah
Choreography	Norbu Tshering
Make-up Mishra	Raju Roy, Shruti
Assistance All Repertory Artists	

Playwright

Joseph Stein

Translator

Asif Ali Haider Khan

Director

Suresh Sharma

AKA-NANDUN by Bhawani Bashir Yasir



The Play

The play *Aka-Nandun*, which means 'The Beautiful', is based on

a mystic legend, about a Hindu king who has seven daughters but no son. When he gets old he prays for a son who could inherit his kingdom. A jogi comes in his dream and blesses him with a son on the condition that he should name the son Aka-Nandun and promise to return him to the jogi when he is 12 year old.

The son is born, named Aka-Nandun, brought up with royal care, and sent to the royal Pathshala to learn Vedas and Puranas. When he is 12, the saint appears before the king. The king begs the Jogi to take his whole kingdom and wealth, but not his son. The jogi declines and orders the king to slaughter his son, and orders the queen to cook him for his feast. When the feast is ready, he orders the queen to divide it in 11 plates – eight for ladies, one for the king, one for the saint, and the eleventh for Aka-Nandun. Then he orders the queen to call out for Aka-Nandun to enjoy the feast. The queen calls for Aka-Nandun, who, to the surprise of all, appears. The jogi disappears and all sing the glory of the jogi.

Director's Note

Kashmir has a distinctive culture, based on the fusion of Shiv-mat and Islam, which has given birth to a tolerant, mystic and socio-religious philosophy during the last seven hundred years. And this is mostly known as Kashmiriyat. *Aka-Nandun* is based on a mystic Kashmiri poetic fable, written by mystic poets and endorsed popularly, and which emphasises the highest sacrifice of ones greed, lust, power, ego and worldly luxuries, and submit to the highest authority of the Almighty. The play translates this through the folk format of Daastan with sublime actions, theatrical visuals and traditional music and dance.

The Playwright & Director

Bhawani Bashir Yasir, born at Doru-Shahabad in Anantnag district of Kashmir, is a post-graduate in Kashmiri literature, a renowned Playwright and Theatre Director, who after passing out from National School of Drama, New Delhi in 1987 with distinction in Stage Craft, preferred to go back to his state to institutionalise the theatre of Kashmir on professional standards, in line with Kashmiri sensibilities. He established EKTA in 1988, now internationally recognised as the authentic theatre institution of the state.

The Group

Ensemble Kashmir Theatre Akademi, popularly known as EKTA was founded in 1988 by Bhawani Bashir Yasir after passing out from NSD. EKTA organises a national theatre festival known as Budshah Theatre Festival, in which plays from all regional languages of the state, and special entries from rest of India are also invited. EKTA has participated in many national and international theatre festivals.

Cast & Credits:

King (Ram Gopal)	Bhawani Bashir Yasir
Queen (Sonei Maal) Haseena Sofi	Shaheena Nazir /
Seven Princesses Rukhsana Tantrey,	Nusrat Jalal,
Tabbasum Aslam, Iqra Binti Hassan,	
Naazima Yusuf, Kousar Aejaaz,	

Khushbu Bashir

Aka -

Nandun Arhaan Nisar

Tabeena Manzoor

The Hermit (Jogi)

Aamir Hussain Mir

Raj-Guru
Mir

Farooq Ahmad

Daastaango Bashir Lone

Chorus (Dancers & Singers)
Hussain,

Nisar Ahmad Rah, Mir Shaukat

Syed

Muzamil Rasool, Asrat Hussain,

Junaid

Ahmad Rather

Harmonium
(Sultanpuri)

Shaukat Bhat

Rabaab

Farooq Ahmad

Saarangi

Mohd. Amin

Dholak/Nout

Tariq Ahmad

Stage Props
& Syed Muzamil

Nisar Ahmad Rah

Costumes
Yasir / Bashir Lone

Bhawani Bashir

Light Design
Bhawani

M. Muzamil Hayat

Production Controller

Gulzar Ganaie

Stage Manager

Mir Shaukat Hussain

Associate Director
Bhawani

M. Muzamil Hayat

Music, Design & Direction

Bhawani Bashir Yasir

THE HOUSE OF USHER by Edgar Allan Poe



The Play

An unnamed protagonist (the Narrator) is summoned to a remote mansion of his boyhood friend, Roderick Usher. Filled with a sense of dread by the sight of the house itself, the Narrator reunites with his old companion, who is suffering from a strange mental illness and whose sister Madeline is near death due to a mysterious disease. The Narrator provides company to Usher while he paints and plays guitar, spending all his days inside, avoiding the sunlight and obsessing over the sentience of the non-living. When Madeline dies, Usher decides to bury her temporarily in one of his house's large vaults. A few days later, however, she emerges from her provisional tomb, killing her brother while the Narrator flees for his life. The House of Usher splits apart and collapses, wiping away the last remnants of the ancient family.

Director's Note

I have looked at this story as that of a man living with a

peculiar psychological state. The house of Usher, the pond, the tree, and everything inside the house, is symbolic of the inmates and their inner struggles. There are many personalities dwelling in the mind of the protagonist. He finds himself psychologically unwell, and to cure himself creates another personality within him to help him come out of this problem. I have tried to present this story as per my interpretation and as per my search.

The Director

Born and brought up in Arunachal Pradesh, Goge has completed her graduation from Donyi Polo Government College, Kamki with Masters in Hindi. She attended a 45-day workshop by Riken Ngomle (NSD graduate) organised by National School of Drama in 2013. She completed her One Year Residential Certificate Course in Dramatic Arts from NSD, STTC in the year 2014. Then she graduated from National School of Drama with specialization in Design and Direction in 2017. She has been actively working on the Folk Tales of Arunachal Pradesh with Riken Ngomle and Tai Tugung.

The Playwright

American writer, poet and critic, Edgar Allan Poe is famous for his tales and poems of horror and mystery, including *The Fall of the House of Usher*, *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *The Raven*. Poe's work as an editor, a poet, and a critic had a profound impact on American and international literature. His stories mark him as one of the originators of both horror and detective fiction. Many anthologies credit him as the "architect" of the modern short story. He was also one of the first critics to focus primarily on the effect of style and structure in a literary work; as such, he has been seen as a forerunner to the "art for art's sake" movement. French

Symbolists such as Mallarmé and Rimbaud claimed him as a literary precursor. Baudelaire spent nearly fourteen years translating Poe into French. Today, Poe is remembered as one of the first American writers to become a major figure in world literature.

The Group

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Cast & Credit

Usher	Abhinav Lucky Pateriya
Narrator	Niranjan Nath
Lady Madeline	Suman Purpi
Doctor	Rohit Jain
Servant	Daood Hussain
Dai, Child Narrator	Pallavi Jhadhao
Child Madeline	Swati Dubey
Child Usher	Lanu Akum

Make-up
Jhadhao, Daood Hussain

Pallavi

Sound & Poster brochure

Sagnik Chakrabarty

Research &

Script Analysis
Charan

Karni Singh

Set Shifting
Paliwal, Gopal Kumar,

Shubham

Gonya Bam

Technical in-charge

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RAKSH by Daood Hussain

The Play

Ravana, after completing his education, returns home only to find out how King of Devas (Indra), who resides in Devlok (present Iran), is suppressing Danavas and other small communities. Although he doesn't want to become the king of Lanka because his elder brother Kuber is already on the throne, but after getting encouraged by his mother and Sumbhali (His mother's father & and former king of Lanka) he is convinced to become the king. But before that, he travels all over Lanka and defeats all the other kingdoms to preach out the religion of *Raksh* i.e. defence and equality. After the victory he returns to Lanka to claim the throne. One day Tadka, wife of Sund, comes to Ravana's court, seeking for help as their kingdom is under attack from Devas and Aryas. Ravana decides to help her and goes to the battlefield where he confronts King Dashrath. During the fight King Dashrath gets hurt by Ravana's arrows. As Ravana approaches to kill Dashrath, Kaikayi (Dashrath's wife), comes in between and saves him. Through this battle Ravana warns Devas not to attack on Lanka ever again, or they will have to face Lankeshwar.

Director's Note

Raksh is an effort to revive the story of Ravana in a different perspective.

According to me it was important to show it in a new form in respect of set or costumes.

Idea of the play moves around the idea of human supremacy, hierarchy, believe/disbelief, love, compassion and every other qualities. The word *Raksh* deals with the idea of 'raksh sanskriti' in which Ravana is combining different types of community, tribal civilization etc. to form a new and better community. For him there is nothing like superior or inferior, everyone is equal and devotees of Shiva.

Making this production entertaining has also been a major consideration while working on it.

The Director

Daood Hussain was born on 17th February 1989 in Nainital, Uttarakhand. He started participating in theatre from a very young age under the guidance of his father in a theatre group Yug Manch, acting in several plays. After that he directed few skits, plays like Anton Chekhov's *Girgit*, *Andher Nagri*, *A Day in a School* (Self Written) etc.

He has also been active in town's music band and is known for his music videos and continuous participation in musical programmes and theatre. He graduated from National School of Drama in the year 2017 and is currently working as a freelancer, organising workshops in several cities and working as a technician with various groups.

The Group

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Cast & Credits

Ravan:	E.Vivek/ Aamir Mallik
Sumali:	Rohit Jain
Prahast:	Aamir Mallik/ Mani Thapar
Sund:	Manohar Pandey
Vritri, Ilbal, Vibhishan:	Parmanand Budhania
Vatapi:	Jeetandra Rajput
Vaishnava:	Mahadev Singh Lakhawat / Chandan Kumar
Pishach:	Sagnik Human
Mandodari:	Rukmini Sircar
Hema: Baishya	Shweta Rani H.K, Babi Baruah, Jeena
Kekasi:	Jina Baishya
Shuparnkha:	Shweta Rani H.K
Tadka:	Babi Baruah

Yaksha

Indra:	Gagan Shrivastava
Kuber:	Niranjan Naath
Dasrath:	Pallav Singh
Dushyant: Jadawat	Somnaath Chatterjee/ Bhupendra

Vishwaroopa: Pallav Singh
Kauberi, Shakuntala: Meenakshi Thapa
Indrani, Dancer: Goge Bam
Kekai: Rachna Gupta

Costume: Sweety Ruhel
Lights: Ujjwal Kumar
Sound: Ajay Khatri
Props: Mani Thapar
Drums, Vocal: Vikesh Bisht
Guitar: Nirmal Khatri
Guitar: Lanuakam
Nagada, Vocal: Daood Hussain

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LOK SHAKUNTALA by K.V. Subbanna

The Play

Loka Shakuntala, though based on the popular story of Shakuntala, has been made special by bringing about a subtle analysis of socio-political aspects of the period along with poetic depiction of the love tale of Dushyanta and Shakuntala. It depicts the ashram & palace cultures in a poignant way. There is a socio-economic confrontation between two different cultures. The play has been designed in the Yakshagana style of acting. Under the able and watchful direction of the acclaimed theatre activist Chidambara Rao Jambe, the play has the distinction of having movement design by Sanjeev Suvarna and Kalamandal Prashob. Melodious music is provided by K.N. Nagaraj who also lent his soulful voice. Costume design is ably handled by Banee Sharad.

The Director

Born on 3rd January 1949 in Adderi, Karnataka, Shri Chidambara Rao Jambe is a well-known Kannada theatre director and cultural administrator. He is an alumnus of the National School of Drama. Karnataka Nataka Academy awarded him for his theatre work in 1994, Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi honoured

him as the Director of the National Theatre Festival 2003, and he received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2014 for his contribution to Indian theatre as a director.

Chidambara Rao Jambe is a well-known teacher of drama and was the Principal of Ninasam Theatre Institute, Heggodu for 22 years, and the Director of Mysuru Rangayana. He was trained in Yakshagana folk art of Dakshina Kannada.

The Playwright

Kuntagodu Vibhuthi Subbanna (20 February 1932 – 16 July 2005) was an acclaimed dramatist and writer of Kannada language. He was the founder of the world-famous Ninasam (Neelanakantheshwara Natya Sangha) drama institute in 1949. In 1991, he was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts, in recognition of his contribution to enrich rural Karnataka with the world's best films, and the delight and wonder of the living stage. He was awarded the Padmashri in 2004-5. He also established Akshara Prakashana, a publishing house, to publish literature related to theatre in Kannada, which included translations of plays from other languages.

The Group

Antharanga is a creative amateur theatre troupe identifying itself with several facets of socio-cultural arena for the past 37 years. Antharanga was formed in August 1980 to promote and involve itself & others in theatre with its different activities. Since then, it has traversed a golden path, establishing on the way many achievements which have attracted the attention of both the common person & the discerning. Antharanga has been organizing a theatre festival every year inviting leading & upcoming troupes to stage plays along with

its troupe, under its banner, on a grand scale. During the festival, Antharanga presents the Make-up Nani Award for senior make-up artists. Antharanga has encouraged its own creative people to direct plays for the troupe. It has stage more than 42 plays & seven street plays successfully. Antharanga has performed meaningful Kannada plays throughout Karnataka and also in many places like New Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad etc. quite successfully.

Cast & Credits

On Stage	Karthik Gowtham, Archana
Shyam,	
	Deepak Subramanya,
Harsha Hosakere	
	Sridhar Gowda,
Pradeep kumar, Alok Urs,	
	Anil Kulkarni,
Bhargav Vasishta, Aravind MS,	
	Rakesh Santosh
Rahul, Ram Manjjonaath,	
	Bhamini Nagaraju,
Smita Kulkarni, Soumya Naik,	
	Sumaana
Muralidhar, Vasantha K	

Movement Design	Sanjeeva Suvarna & Kalamandalam
Prasobh	

Music	Nagaraj KN /Ravi Murur
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Mridanga Sharath

Costume Design

Banee Sharad

Make-up

Ramakrishna Kannarapadi,

Ramakrishna Belthur,

Basavaraj, Sanchari

Shashi

Set Property

Maltesh Badiger

Set work

Vishwanath Mandi and Team

Lighting

Vinay Chandra

Organized & Managed by

Uncle Shyam, Muralidhar BV, Ramdev

Playwright

K.V. Subbanna

Director

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