

I am Anjana Ghonasgi, a versatile storyteller & performing artist based in Mumbai, India with over 20+ years of performance experience. My journey started off as a professional dancer performing on stage to inventing my own dance style called Mudratutting leading to now writing, directing, performing & producing dance-films/experimental shorts. It has been a winding path so far but I do believe creativity isn't linear. One art form feeds into another and enhances it. I aspire to accumulate utmost art in me, continue to move with it and tell stories through multiple mediums.

Current Projects :

★ (UN)SEEN a dance film by Anjana Ghonasgi. Developed & Executed at AuroApaar's Manifest Dance-Film Incubator 2022 in Pondicherry, India.

<u>Duration</u> : 7 mins 12 secs. <u>Status</u> : Unavailable for public viewing.

Festival Selections, Awards & Screenings :

- **BEST ART FILM** Award at **Experimental Dance & Music Film Festival** (LA & Toronto) voted by select audience.
- **Official Selection** to be included in the international line-up for **Frame Rush** Film Festival (London) May 12th 2023. It is the only film from India part of the lineup.
- **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT** Award at **Black Swan International Film Festival** (Kolkata, India).
- Screening at **Soho House Mumbai** on March 8th 2023. Part of **International Women's Day** celebratory curation of films made by women.
- **★ BE (verb. to exist)** a dance-film by Anjana Ghonasgi. Featuring *Trishita Sengupta*.

Duration : 3 mins 13 secs Status : Available on Youtube

More digital work :

★ The Unblemished One - a dance-film by Anjana Ghonasgi, premiered for Devi Dairies Festival curated by Dr. Anita Ratnam & Narthaki.com.

Duration : 4 mins 11 secs Status : Available on Youtube

<u>Festival Selections & Awards</u> :

- Award winner in the categories of Experimental Film & Film On Women at White Unicorn International Film Festival (WUIFF).
- Nominated as **semi-finalist** in the category of Best Dance Film at **Couch International Film Festival** (Toronto, Canada).
- ★ BOXED 3.0 featured work as a commissioned artist for Boxed an award winning digital series curated by Dr. Anita Ratnam & Narthaki.com during covid-19 lockdown. Anjana received critical acclaim in Telegraph India newspaper for the same.

Other works :

- **Creative Direction & Styling** for Kaleidoculture Magazine's 2nd Anniversary Edition Photo Shoots including Cover shoot 2022.
- Writer, Performance event Curator & Host with Kaleidoculture Magazine a startup performing arts magazine based in Mumbai founded by Vidula Bhave.
- Ad for **Himalaya Neem Face Scrub** in the capacity of an **actor**.

Production house - Qisse Films Director - Luv Kalla

My journey as a professional dancer/teacher -

- I hold a **Master's Diploma** in the Indian Classical dance style of Bharatnatyam and am a graduate from the world famous New York City's **Broadway Dance Center** as part of their International Student Visa Program. As a member of **Kalamandir Dance Company**, a contemporary indian dance company based out of NJ & NY under the directorship of Brinda Guha, I have been a key part of their cast of their full length productions **"one to(o) many colours"** and **"UrbanJatra"**.
- Highlight of my time in New York working as a professional artist for almost 3 years has been performing **solo** with music maestro & grammy award winner **AR Rahman** for **2017 IIFA ROCKS** at **Metlife Stadium**. I was featured in DNA India newspaper twice for the same.
- I founded & coined **Mudratutting** dance style and started the **#mudratutting** on Instagram in 2017. This dance style is in constant state of development into a movement/storytelling language.

"I believe in the journey towards oneself, to explore creativity in motion & emotion." www.anjanaghonasgi.com