

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 the 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) Screened on May 12th 2023. It is the only film from India part of the lineup.
- Official Selection to be included in 'Shifting Perspectives' category for Sans Souci Festival of Dance Cinema virtual screening Oct-Nov 2023.
- Official Selection to be included in London International Screen Dance Festival (LISDF) 2023. In person screening at Laban Theatre, London October 12th & 13th 2023.
- 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*.

<u>Duration</u>: 3 mins 13 secs <u>Status</u>: Available on Youtube (45k+ views)

## More digital work:

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

<u>Duration</u>: 4 mins 11 secs <u>Status</u>: Available on Youtube

## Festival Selections & Awards:

- 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**.
  - <u>Production house</u> Qisse Films <u>Director</u> Luv Kalla
- Stage & Production Manager for multiple events & performances in Mumbai, Chennai & New York.

#### 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."

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