JIMISH THAKKAR

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ABOUT ME/

I am theatre actor, director and educator.

With a Performance Diploma (ATCL) in Speech and Drama from Trinity College of London, I have, since 2002, worked in around 30 theatrical productions as an actor, director, set designer, sound and lighting designer, technical advisor, publicity designer, artistic director and producer.

Apart from theatre, I have also dabbled into television, stand up comedy, short films and radio commercials.

Before migrating to Canada, I was the Artistic Director & Drama Educator & of The Hive (Dubai), a performing arts space and theatrical show production company founded by me and my wife in December 2014.

I conducted speech and drama classes and directed theatre productions for around 400

students (annually) from Pre-K through 12th grade.

I am also a Graphic designer with 20 years of experience in Identity, Graphic & Interactive design.

CAREER SUMMARY/

Year	Role	Production	Author	Presented By
2019	Actor - Marty	The Second Woman	Nat Randall & Anna Breckon	Harbourfront Centre
2018	Director	The Unfortunate Orphans (Stage Adaptation of The Unfortunate Events Novels)	Lemony Snicket	The Hive
2018	Co-Producer	Murderers	Jeffery Hatcher	The Hive & Black Sheep Drama

		The Production received 6 nominations at The Junction Community Theatre Awards 2018.			
2018	Director	I'm stuck and I have to	Bradley Walton	Short+Sweet Dubai 2018.	
		Won People Choice Award (Week 4) at Short+Sweet Theatre Festival. Awarded Spirit of Short+Sweet Theatre Fes+val Dubai 2018 Award.			
2018	Director	Sherlock	Arthur Conan Doyle	The Hive	
		The Production received 11 nominations at The Junction Dubai Community Theatre Awards 2018.			
2018		Identified by UAE's Masala Magazine as one of the HOT 100 Personality of the year 2017			
2017	Director	Aal Izz Well (Stage Adaptation of Bollywood Film 3 Idiots)	Chetan Bhagat	The Hive	
2017	Director	The Boy Who Lived (Stage Adaptation of Harry Potter Novels)	J.K. Rowling	The Hive	
2017	Director	The Miracle Worker – Rerun	William Gibson	The Hive	
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		Nominated as a Finalist in 2017 Timeout Awards for best Local Theatrical Event. Won Best Director Award. The Production received 9 nominations. The cast also won Best New Talent, Best Supporting Actress.			
2016	Actor, Blind	Andhon Ke Haathi	Sharad Joshi	Backstage Productions	
2016	Producer, Actor - Martin	Dangerous Corner	J.B.Priestly	Theatrics	
2016	Director	The Adventures of Indiana (Stage Adaptation of Indiana Jones Series)	Various	The Hive	
2015	Actor - Karsten Bernick	Pillars of Society	Henrik Ibsen	Backstage Productions	
		Received Best Actor Award at The Junction Dubai Community Theatre Awards 2015 – Full Length Play			
2014	Producer, Technical Assistant	Her Story (2013), Noreen (2014), The Ithica Project (2014) and The Walter Maltese (2014).	Various	Short+Sweet, Dubai	
2013	Director	The Jungle Book		Ambassador School, Dubai	
2013	Writer, Director, Actor - Self	Sweet Sixteen	Jimish Thakkar	Short+Sweet, Dubai	
		Won the Short+Sweet Theatre Festival Dubai People's Choice award (Week 1) 2013			
2013	Director, Actor - Justin Tolman	The Farnsworth Invention	Aaron Sorkin	Theatrics	

2011	Director, Actor - Georgie	Wait Until Dark	Frederick Knott	Theatrics
	Producer, Publicity Designer and Backstage Assistant	The Bald Prima & Dona, The Lesson	Eugene Ionesco	Theatrics
2010	Producer, Publicity Designer and Backstage	Glengarry Glen Ross	David Mamet	Theatrics
2009	Actor - Dance Master & Covielle	The Would Be Gentleman	Molière	Theatrics
2008	Actor - Pontagnac	Sauce For The Goose	Georges Feydeau	Theatrics
2007	Stand-up Comedy	Jaspal Bhatti (India) and Shazia Mirza (UK)		
2005	Actor - Aktar Punjabi	Kuch Kahi Ankahi	Geo Television	
2005	Actor - Detective Sgt. Trotter	Mouse Trap	Agatha Christie	Theatrics
2004	Director, Actor - Yvan	Art	Yasmina Reza	Theatrics
2003	Actor - Romainville	Ring Round The Moon	Jean Anouilh	Theatrics
2002	Actor - Schupanzig	Black Comedy	Peter Shaffer	Theatrics

PERFORMANCE DIPLOMA/

2018: Speech & Drama (ATCL) Associate of Trinity College of London, U.K.

EDUCATION/

1996 - 1999: Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

Specialisation in Business Management. University of Mumbai, India.

1995 - 1997: **Master Diploma.**

Computer Aided Illustrations, Image Editing, Page Making, 2D Animation, Audio Engineering & Multimedia. Edit Institute of Graphics and Design, Mumbai, India.