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SUMMARY

I am an experienced writer, director, producer and an editor with over 10 years of experience. I have worked on Feature Films, Sitcoms, Commercials, Digital Content and Podcasts. My medical background has enabled me to gain deep insights in psychology which I have translated to my filmmaking. I was the creator and host of a YouTube channel which was among the top 10 channels in the country that pushed me into the top comedians of India. My decision to move to the US to attend USC for my masters in film highlights my passion for filmmaking and film techniques.

I have produced and directed two features and a sitcom and I am an optioned writer with Suburban Entertainment with Peter Nelson(Head of Production at MGM) attached as a producer. My project, Open Waters, is optioned by a Dubai based production house, Oceana Studios. I wish to use my varied interdisciplinary experience to aid productions with projects produced with leading-edge technology to drive cinematic excellence.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts May 2018
Masters in Fine Arts, Film & Tv Production

SSR Medical College, Mauritius, 2012
M.D Medicine

EXPERIENCE

Kavi Raz Studios - Producer, Creator & Editor - Sitcom - Patel Motel - [IMDB](#) - March 2022 - August 2022

- Creator and Writer of the Season 1 of Patel Motel which will premier as a Cpics original series.
- Produced and Directed the series with a team of 20 crew and 15 cast members in Los Angeles
- Edited Season 1 and VFX for the show in Adobe Premiere, After Effects and Photoshop.

Kailasa Productions - Producer, Director, Writer & Editor - [WEBSITE](#) - January 2022 - Present

- Produced and Directed Commercials, Brand videos, Youtube content & Digital content for the production house as Head of production.
- Edited using Avid, Premier, After Effects, Photoshop & Audition.

Seva Films - Writer & Director - English Romantic Comedy Feature Film - Chindia - [IMDB](#) August 2021 - December 2021

- Directed a 96 minute Romantic Comedy Feature Film set in Los Angeles that is currently in post production with a distribution deal in place.

JS Dreams Productions - Producer, Director, Writer & Editor - Feature Film - Room - [IMDB](#)
March 2021 - July 2021

- Written, Directed & Produced the feature film starring Parvin Dabbas(Monsoon Wedding) & Anupam Kher(Silver Lining's Playbook).
- Edited and coordinated the Post Production with heavy VFX in LA and India

Cannabis Network - Produced & Edited - [YouTube](#) - **September 2020 - March 2021**

- Produced and Edited the Season 1 with 12 videos for the channel
- The show is also available on Roku Tv currently and across limited screens in dispensaries across California

CBD Food Network - Producer & Editor - [YouTube](#) - **December 2020 - March 2021**

- Produced and Edited 20 videos for the season 1 of the show.

Suburban Entertainment Inc - Optioned writer for Ni Hao Namaste - **July 2021**

- An English Feature Film with Peter Nelson(Head of Production at MGM) attached as a Producer along with John Milan(Sony Pictures) & Chimene Davis.
- The project is budgeted at \$10 Million USD currently in financing.

Oceana Studios - Optioned writer for Open Waters - **March 2021**

- An English thriller feature film optioned by Oceana Studios based out of Dubai to produce the feature currently budgeted at \$3 Million USD set in Ohio.

Kalakaar Entertainment - Optioned writer for Oak Creek - **January 2021**

- An English feature film based on the true events of Oak Creek where a White Supremacist open fired inside a Sikh Temple killing 5 people and a Police officer who took a stand taking 15 bullets.
- The film is financed at \$3 Million USD currently set for Pre Production

Sony Pictures - Research Associate - **2017**

- VR & AR research associate at Sony Pictures.
- Worked on a project on Mindfulness that helps employees take a break by using audio and visual techniques to relax their mind and be more productive at work
- Project was sold to Cedar Sinai

Unistar Publications - Author - [Book](#) - **2007**

Published author at the age of 16, Ilana the return of the King

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & MORE

- Avid: Avid expert with over 5 years of experience
- Adobe: Premier, After Effects, Photoshop with over 8 years of experience
- Sound: Adobe Audition with 3 years of experience
- Writing: Final Draft & Writerduet with over 5 years of experience
- Google Suit: Slides, Docs, Sheets with over 8 years of experience
- Microsoft Office: Full suit with over 5 years of experience
- Final Cut Pro with 5 years of experience
- Microsoft Office with 6 years of experience