##### Rani Khanna

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**Rani Khanna** is a highly versatile & multicultural independent filmmaker with 20 years of experience making documentaries and working freelance for a variety of organisations as well as teaching documentary production in Higher Education & Further Education. **Her work** is varied in themes, styles & approaches, demonstrating a creative cultural sensitivity and the ability to work in teams as well as a self-shooter.

**Filmography**

**Producer – Stories from the heart (2015)- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medecine**

Training Russian filmmakers and producing 7 short films about heart disease in Samara, Russia. Funded by The Wellcome Trust.

**Producer – Stories from the heart (2015)- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medecine**

Training Russian filmmakers and producing 7 short films about heart disease in Arkhangelsk, Russia. Funded by The Wellcome Trust.

**Director/Camera/Editor - Taking the Lead** **(2015)**

Short video for the NHS (Harringey), about young people with psychosis expressing themselves through art.

**Director/Camera – Campaign against Climate Change (2014)**

Interviewing inspirational people across the UK who are addressing climate change in their communities.

**Director/Camera/Editor – Media Diversity Institute 20th anniversary (2014)**

Short celebrating MDI 20th anniversary

**Director/Camera/Editor** - **CricCrac (2013)**

Promo forStoryTelling Festival.

**Editor – Wateraid (2013)**

Promotional video: WaterAid volunteers in schools.

**Director/Camera/Editor** **– Special Yoga Centre (2013)**

Fund raising yoga promo for children with disabilities.

**Director/Camera/Writer – Oh My Dog!**

Work in progress. Feature documentary.

**Director/Camera/Editor – Young Carers Project, CrossRoads (2012)**

Video about young carers using crosroads services.

**Director/Camera/Editor - SPID Theatre (2012)**

Video content for theatre production “The Paserby”.

**Camera/Co-producer** - **Whitehorse Films Ltd (2012)**

Painting the sky - trailer

**Director/Camera – Kolkata Books – Aljazeera UK (2011)**

Documentary about the book market & globalisation in Kolkata, India. Produced by ORTV.

**Producer/Director/Camera/Editor** **– The Media Diversity Institute (2010)**

Short videos about Moroccan Media Executives visiting London and studying Diversity in British Media, at Channel 4, BBC Diversity Department and Arabic Service and The Guardian.

**Director/Camera – Mad For Dance Series, Channel Five (2009)**

A short portrait of a woman with bipolar disorder who uses dance to cope with her mental illness.

**Producer/Director/Camera/Editor – Dream Surfing (2009)**

Artist Residency: creating a 15 mins film about the Art & Permaculture community in Sapney, South India. Screened at Spirit Enlightened Festival @ Culture Unplugged.

**Director/ Producer/ Camera/Editor – Barking Mad*!* (2008)**

Documentary about people and their dogs in New York City, focusing on the extremes people go to for their canine friends, commissioned by Current TV.

**Director/ Producer/Camera/Editing - Chip Odina & Muse, Channel 4’s 4Talent (2007)**

Up-beat profile on Nigerian fashion designer Chip Odina.

**Director/Camera - Wandering With My Shadow(2007)**

One take filmed with a mobile phone. Part of a series exploring Light & Shadow. Screened at Holmfirth Film Festival, Multi Media Indicial, Belem, Brazil, Projectoroom, London, The Canal Museum London, International Mobile Innovation Festival, New Zealand.

**Director/Camera – Reflections(2007)**

Experimental short contemplating water. Screened at: 5th International Film Festival on Water, Bangalore India 2010, The Canal Museum, London 2010.

**Director/Camera - Music by…Gabriel Yared, Mezzo TV, France, distributor: Digital Classics (2005)**

52 mins documentary portraying the life and work of Oscar winner film composer Gabriel Yared. Following him in his collaboration with Anthony Minghella for the score of *Cold Mountain* at Abbey Road Sudios & giving a concert in Rio de Janeiro*.* Released on DVD & selected as DVD Choice in Nov 2007’s BBC Music Magazine with a 5 star rating. Screened at international film festivals & international broadcast.

## Producer/Director/Camera - The Big Bang (2005)

Work in progress. A 52 mins personal documentary about my father, the Indian artist Balraj Khanna, following him whilst he paints the firecurtain of the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham.

**Director - Leona Alone, 3 Minute Wonder , Channel 4 Blood Matters Series (2004)**

Portrait of a young girl suffering from sickle cell disease using animation by Benji Davies. DFG.

**Director/Producer/Camera/Sound/Editor - Amazons in Saris , distributor: TVF (2001)**

A 46 mins film about the dalit women, Untouchables, who have taken up weapons in self -defence against the upper caste landowners in Bihar, India. Screened at international film festivals and at the European Parliament.

**Director/Producer - Sharing Concerns, University of Central England, distributor: Scope (2000)**

A 30 mins training video on how to break the news of a child born with a disability to his/her parents. Using dramatized scenes with actors shot in studio, interviews with parents and health professionals.

**Director/Producer – Krishna the Divine Lover, Arts Council of England (1998)**

A 15 mins documentary illustrating the life of the Hindu God Krishna. Using paintings, dance and documentary footage. Screened at Whitechapel gallery & UK touring exhibiton.

**Director/Producer - Gay Bombay (1994)**

A 30 mins documentary looking at the Gay community in Mumbai, accessing for the first time the Eunuchs Festival on video. Screened at the ICA 95 and 96, International Film Festivals in Montreal 96, Paris 96, San Francisco 97, Chicago 97, New York 97, Cambridge University 98…

**Freelance Work**

Employed to film and make videos for a variety of organisations, charities and NGO’s: Amnesty International, the NHS, Praxis, The Media Diversity Institute, CrossRoads, The Video College, Dost, VODI, Agit8Films, Open Rights Group, Central Foundation Girls' School…

**Teaching Employment**

Tutor and lecturer on various video workshops and documentary courses for adults and young people at:

The American Intercontinental University, Havering College of Further & Higher Education, Cavendish College, The Film & Video Workshop, London Weekend Television, Central & St Martin's School of Design, Creative Partnership, West Thames College, Positive Strides, Polkadots on raindrops, Moti Roti & Ideas Club.

#### Education

**- Screenwriting** , Birkbeck College, London (1995-96)

Part-time course screenwriting for short films.

**- BA (Hons) Film & Video**, London College of Communication, University of the Arts (1992-95)

Major in Directing Documentary. 2:1

**- Diploma Foundation Arts**, City Lit, London (1984-85)

Photography, History of Art, Fine Art.

**- Arts Plastiques**, Sorbonne, Paris.(1983-84)

History and Analysis of Cinema, Early Buddhist Art in India, Psychoanalysis & Art.