



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

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Recap of Kick-Off event + photo collage



SAWITRI Theatre Group's 6th Annual Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival (MMFF) Kick-Off was an exciting event!

A vibrant parade, production teasers, live music, and cultural food made it a memorable evening for all present. It was held at the historic Small Arms Inspection Building. The first Fringe Festival originated in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1947. To honour this tradition, the 2026 MMFF Kick-Off opened with St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums leading the way. It was a great way to honour the festival's roots while bringing the community together to celebrate the start of the Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival. Guests had the opportunity to listen to pitches from all 12 festival productions, with each creative team offering a unique and engaging preview of their upcoming performances. Genres ranged from comedy and drama to historical truths, highlighting the cultural and linguistic diversity of the MMFF. The evening also featured a live band, Crescendo, adding to the festive atmosphere and providing a platform for these young artists to showcase their talent.

A huge thank you to Councillor Stephen Dasko for joining the parade and to MPP Rudy Cuzzetto for bringing us good wishes on behalf of the Government of Ontario. A very heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, artists and everyone else who attended and helped make the Kick-Off a great success!

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Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival 2026

PERFORMANCES AT

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— STUDIOS —

Date: 10th to 16th August, 2026



The Big One
– Very Serious Theatre



Ek Cutting Chai...
– Dramatic Jukebox - Deval Soni



Two Voices
– Krithika Aravindan



HOW DO YOU REMEMBER ?
– Anu Radha Verma



DejaVu
– Siva Pemmasani



Bhatkta Musafir
– Jay Bhoi

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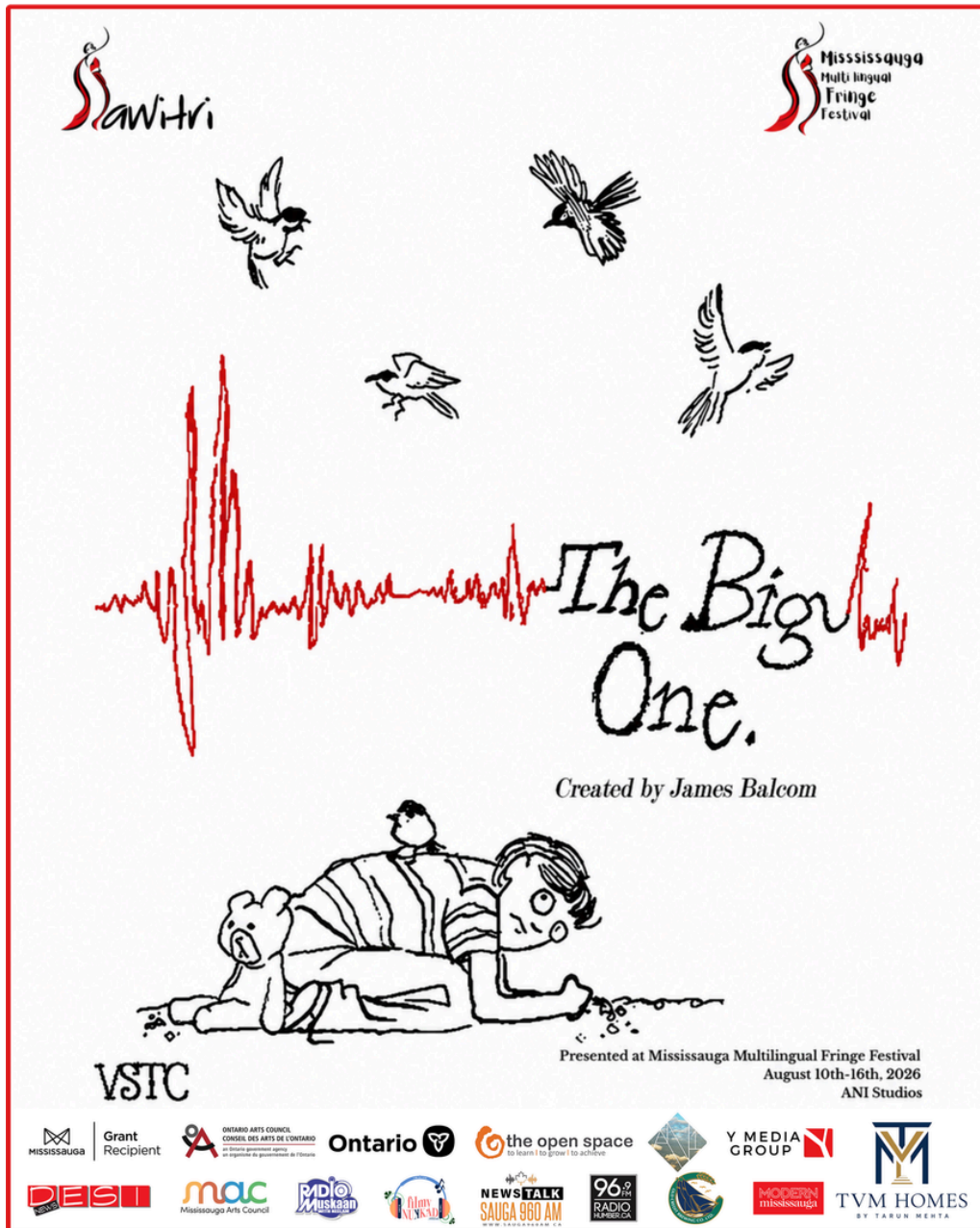


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The Big One – Very Serious Theatre Company

Language: English

Sometimes the biggest earthquakes happen inside us.





Ek Cutting Chai – Dramatic Jukebox

Language: Hindi

The smallest cup can hold the biggest memories.

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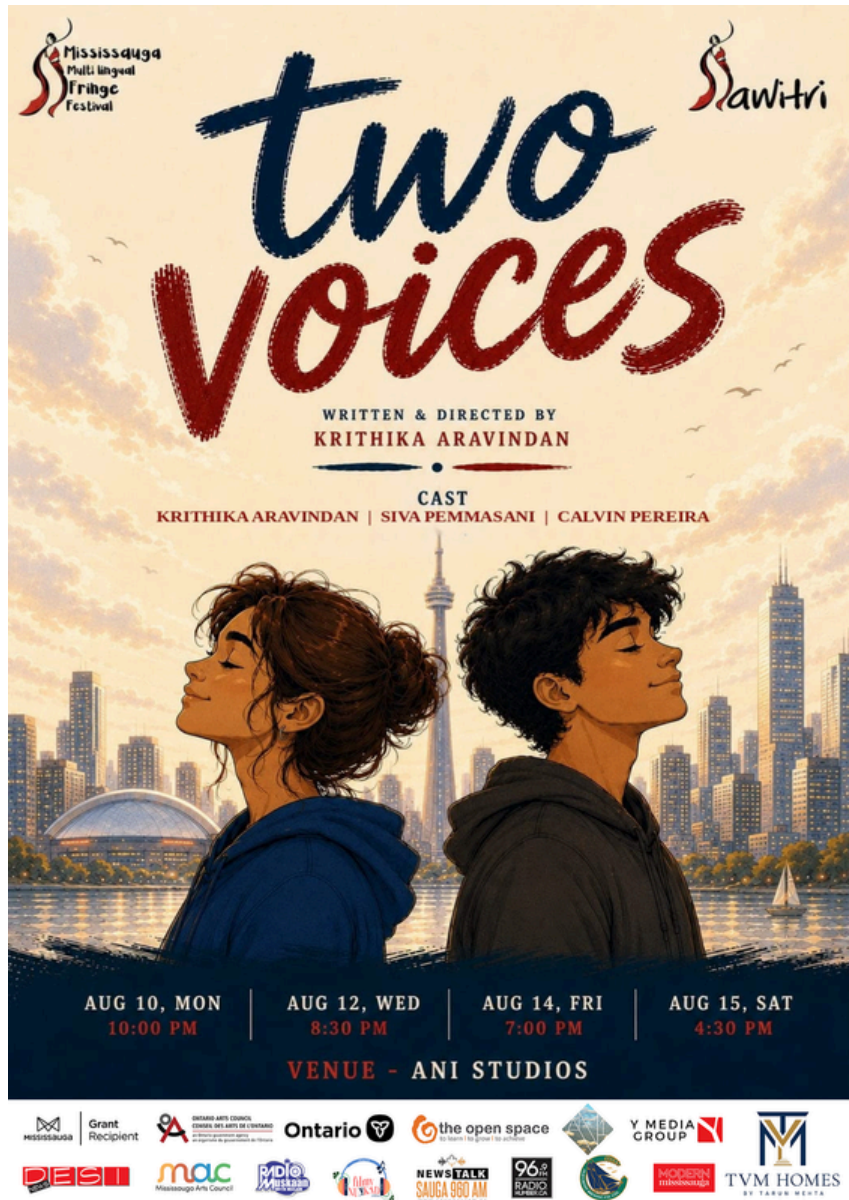
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Two Voices – Krithika Aravindan

Language: English

Tonight... you're the voice inside their heads.





HOW DO YOU REMEMBER?

An experimental offering that combines historical 'facts' and memory through storytelling.



Writing and Performance: Anu Radha Verma
Stage Manager: Erum Khan
Set Design: Harmeet Rehal
Audio & Visual: Amrita Chopra
Access: Dennie Park
AN1 Studios, 2465 Cawthra Rd,
Unit 132, Mississauga

Aug 11: 7pm
Aug 12: 10pm
Aug 14: 8:30pm
Aug 15: 6pm
(Mask-Mandatory
Performance)

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HOW DO YOU REMEMBER? Anu Radha Verma

Language: English

Some memories never leave us. Others never let us go.



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DéjàVu – Siva Pemmasani

Language: Hinglish

What if time had a terrible sense of humour?



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Mississauga Multi-lingual Fringe Festival

Jay Bhoi presents

Bhatkta Musafir

Fresh immigrant ki purani batein • A Storytelling and Poetry Special

Show 1: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 — 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Show 2: Thursday, August 13, 2026 — 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Show 3: Saturday, August 15, 2026 — 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Show 4: Sunday, August 16, 2026 — 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Venue: ANI Studios, 2465 Cawthra Rd., Unit 132, Mississauga, ON L5A 3P2

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Bhatkta Musafir - Jay Bhoi

Language: Hindi

Every suitcase carries more than luggage...

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Shwas Se Samvad Tak Showcase

Directed By Neeraj Yadav

August 16th, 2026 at AN1 Studios

1pm-2pm

SAMPRADAYA THEATRE





Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival 2026

Performances at

SAMPRADAYA

— THEATRE —

Date: 17th to 23rd August, 2026



The Amber Grey Sky
– Think Brown Media



Dastaan-E-ISHQ.exe
– Bakwaas Production



Chamkeeli
– A J DreamZ



Open Mic
– Anjalee Nadarajan



Do Saaye - Ek Amrita
– Adakaar Arts



Zamana Badal Gaya Hai
– Paper Boat Production

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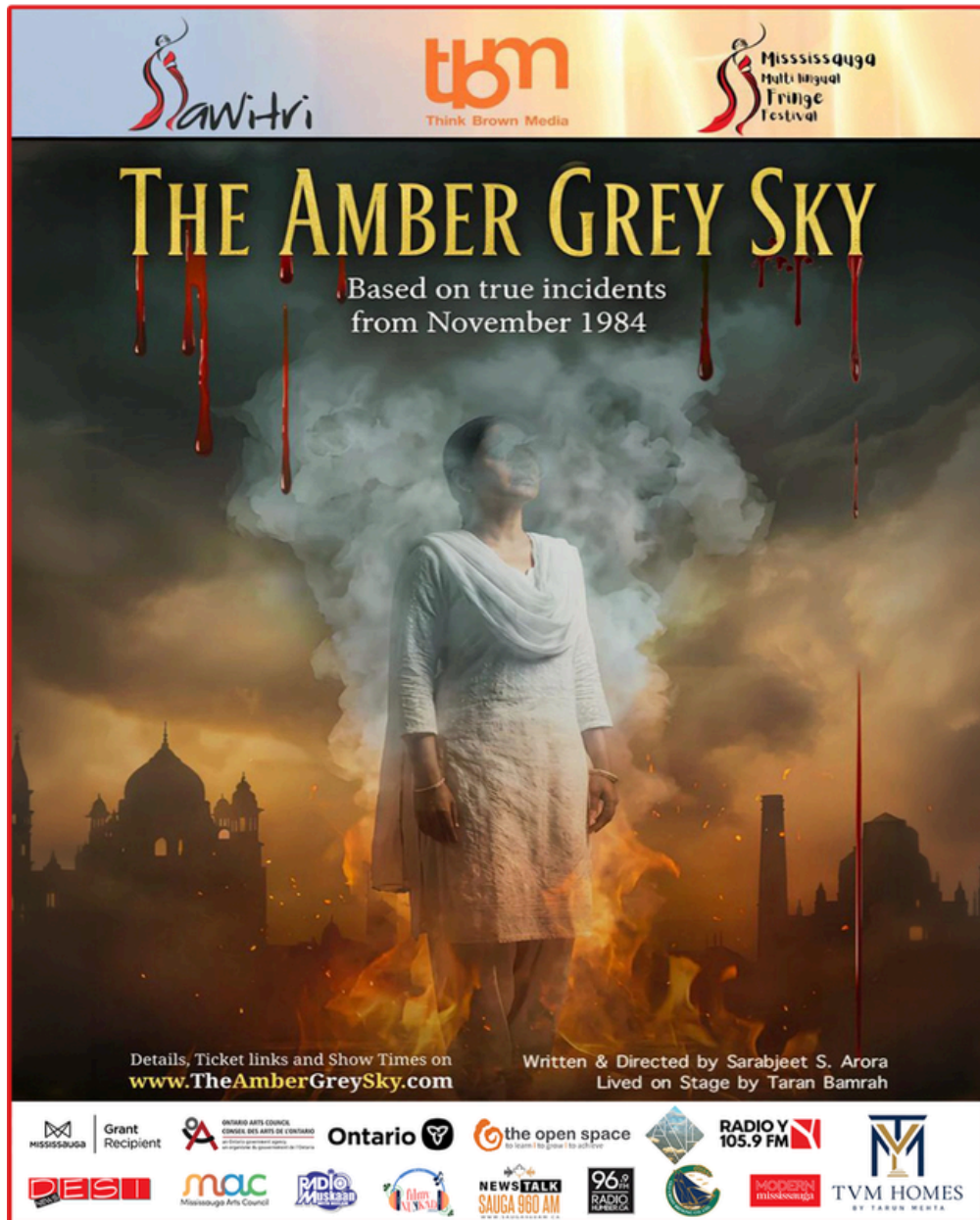








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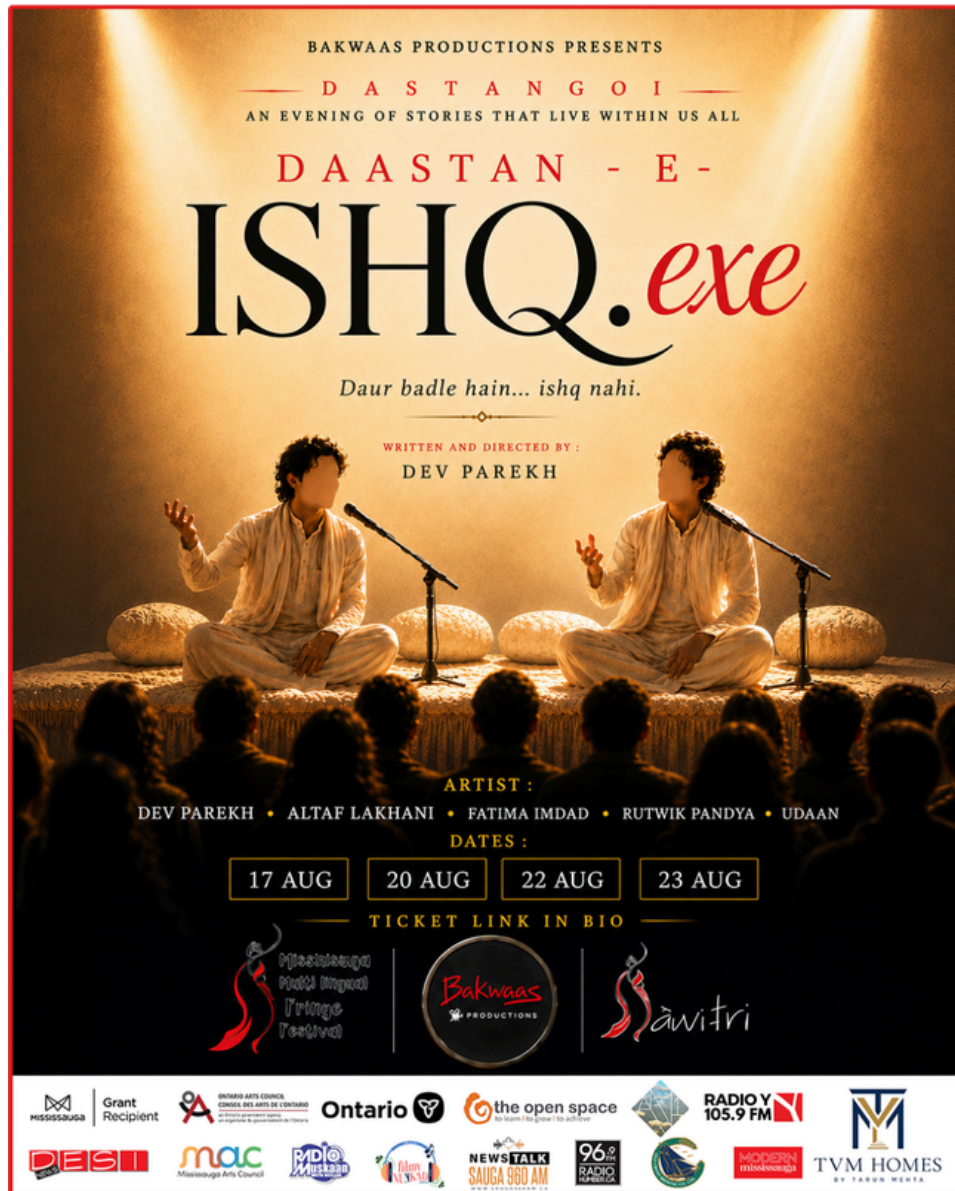


The Amber Grey Sky - Think Brown Media

Language: English/ Hindi/ Punjabi

*Some memories demand more than remembrance...
they demand witness*





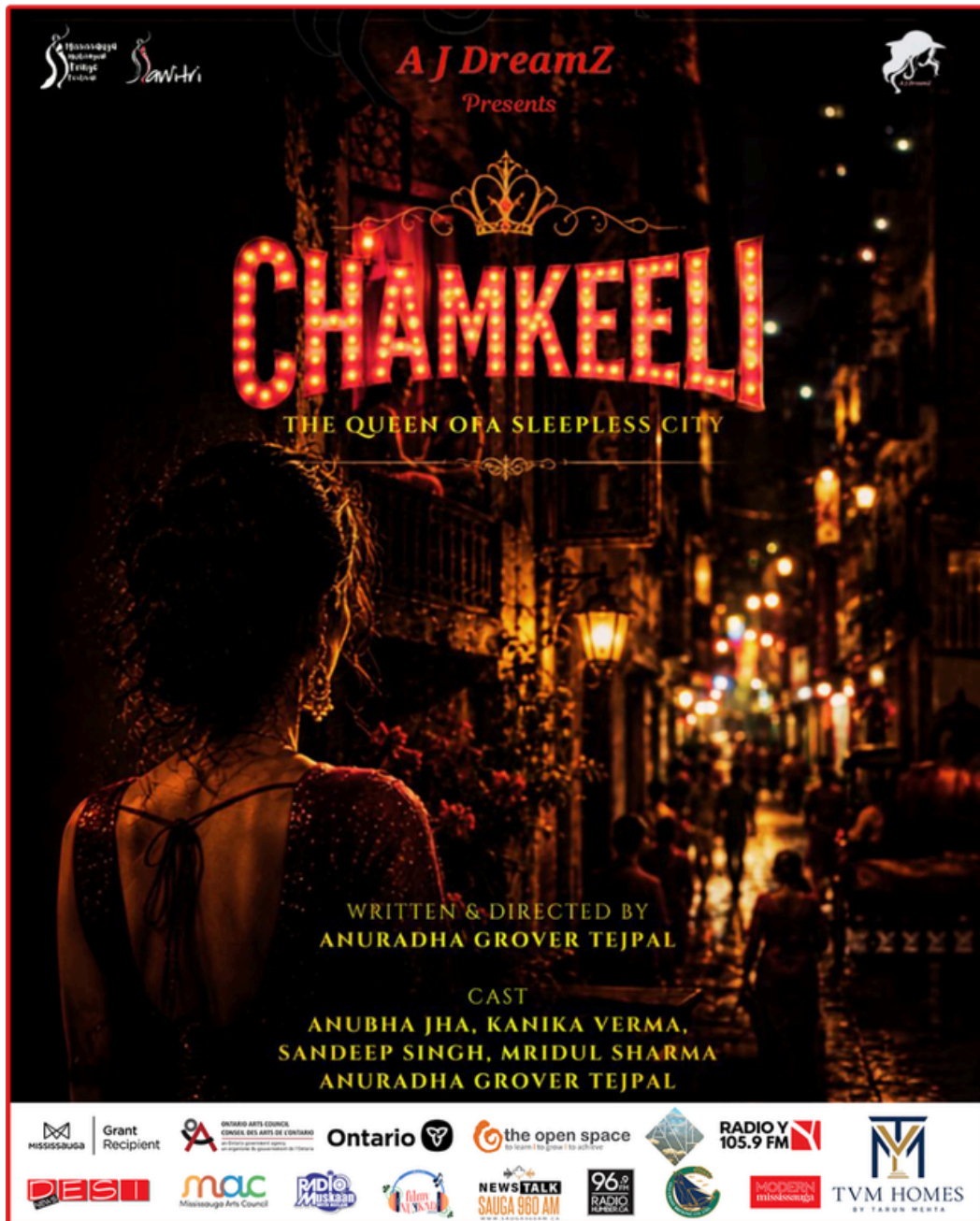
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Bakwaas Productions

Language: Hindustani

From love letters to typing dots... the heart still waits.





Chamkeeli - A J Dreamz

Language: Hinglish

Every person has a story. Few are ever truly heard.

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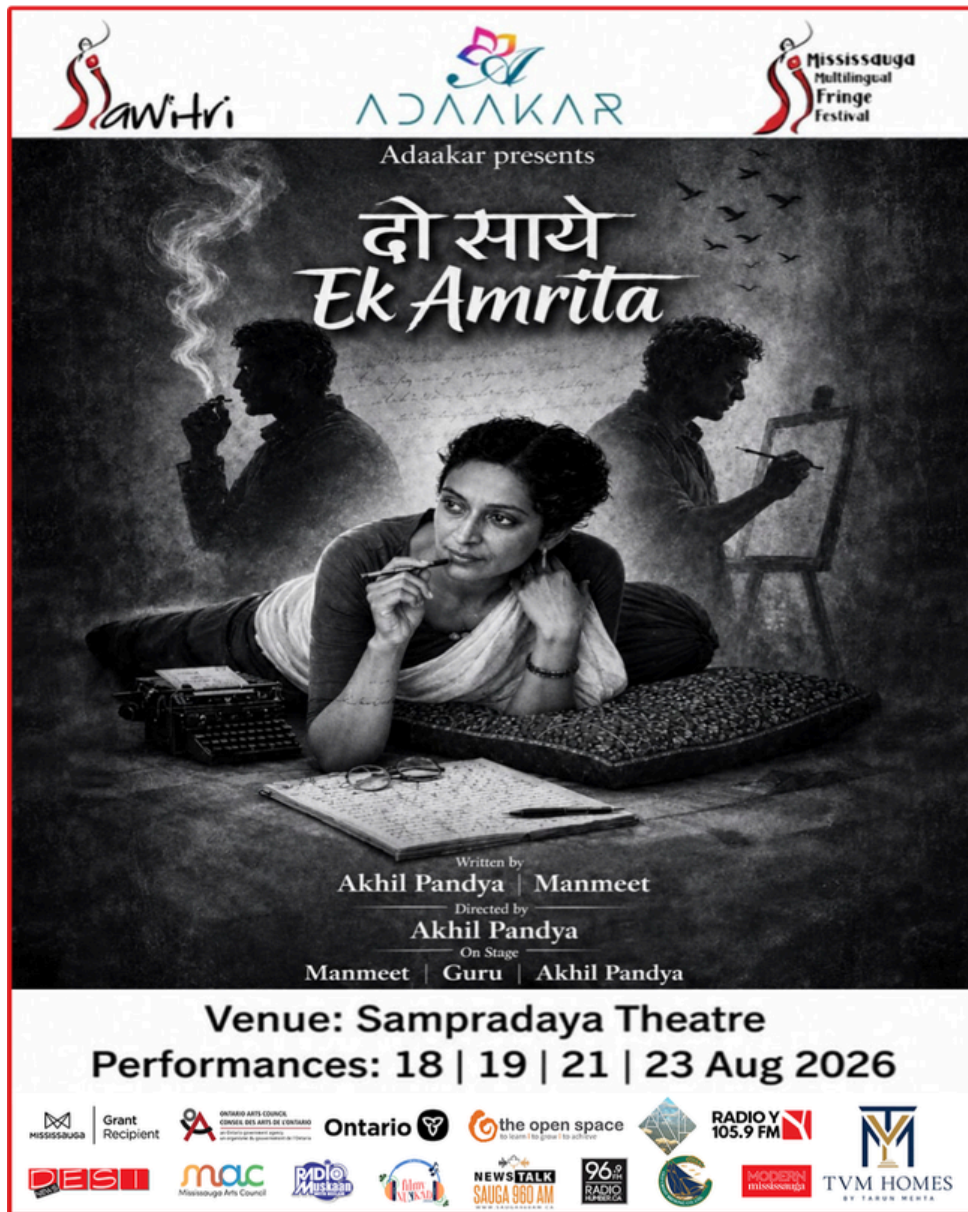
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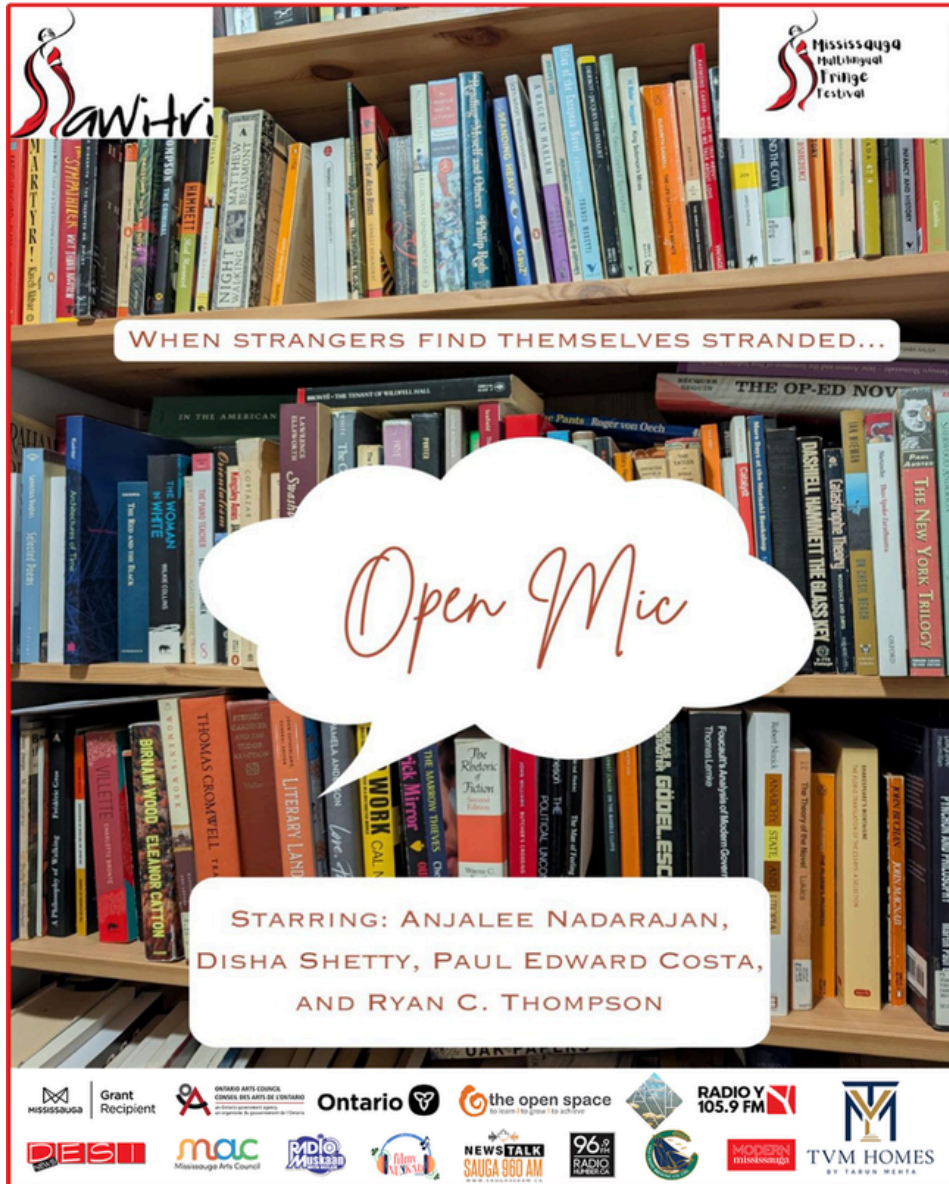


Do Saaye Ek Amrita Adaakar

Language: Hindustani

Some love stays. Some love waits. Some love lives forever.





Open Mic

Anjalee Nadarajan

Language: English

What happens when the only audience you have.....is each other?

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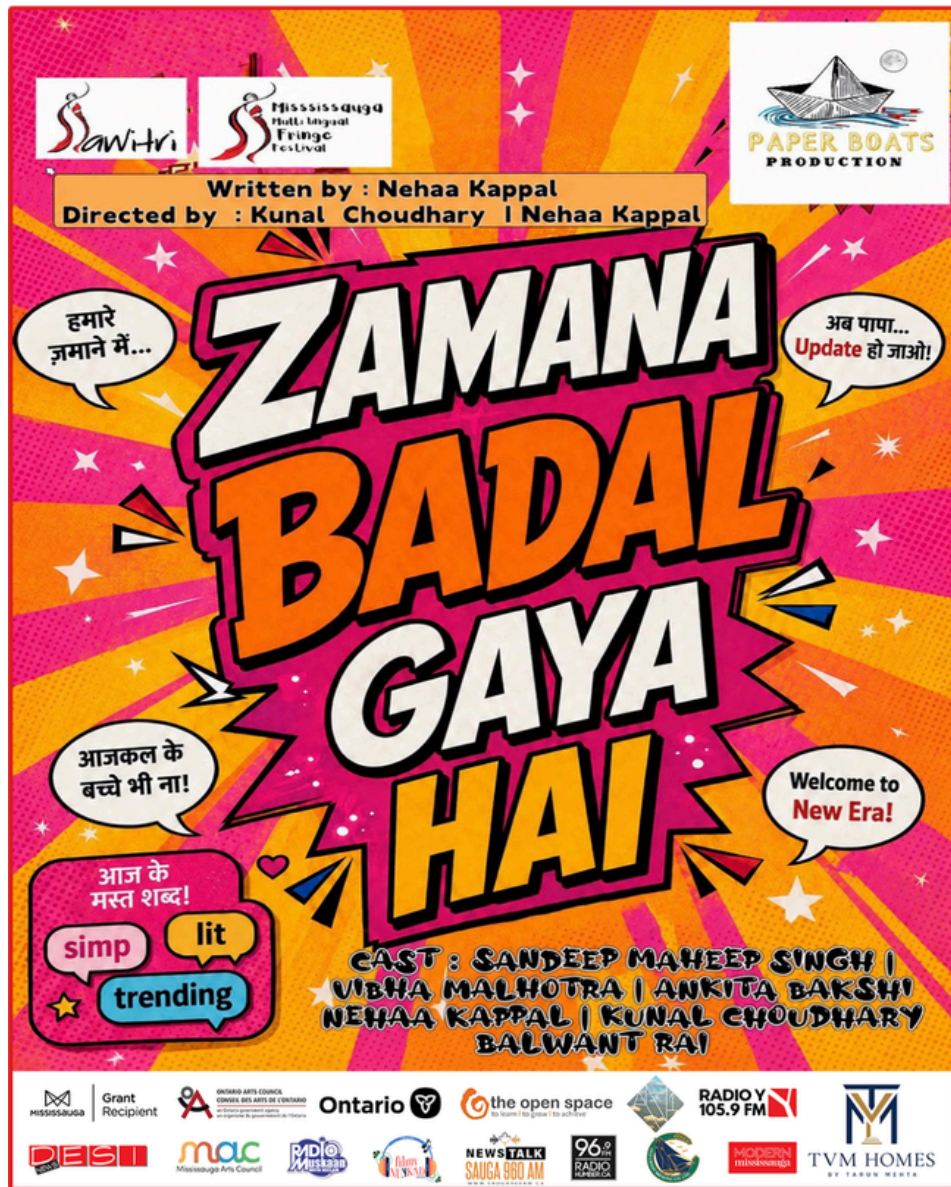
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ZAMANA BADAL GAYA HAI

Paper Boats Production

Language: Hinglish

The trends change. Family arguments don't.



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2465 CAWTHRA RD. UNIT 132, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5A 3P2



Day	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	8:30 PM to 9:30 PM	10:00 PM to 11:00 PM			
10th Aug (Mon)	 THE BIG ONE - VERY SERIOUS THEATRE	 DRAMATIC JUKEBOX	 TWO VOICES - KRITHIKA ARAVINDAN			
11th Aug (Tue)	 HOW DO YOU REMEMBER? - ANU RADHA VERMA	 DEJAVU - SIVA PEMMASANI	 BHATKTA MUSAFIR - JAY BHOI			
12th Aug (Wed)	 DRAMATIC JUKEBOX	 TWO VOICES - KRITHIKA ARAVINDAN	 HOW DO YOU REMEMBER? - ANU RADHA VERMA			
13th Aug (Thur)	 DEJAVU - SIVA PEMMASANI	 BHATKTA MUSAFIR - JAY BHOI	 THE BIG ONE - VERY SERIOUS THEATRE			
14th Aug (Fri)	 TWO VOICES - KRITHIKA ARAVINDAN	 HOW DO YOU REMEMBER? - ANU RADHA VERMA	 DEJAVU - SIVA PEMMASANI			
16th Aug (Sun)	 BHATKTA MUSAFIR - JAY BHOI	 THE BIG ONE - VERY SERIOUS THEATRE	 DRAMATIC JUKEBOX			
15th Aug (Sat)	 BHATKTA MUSAFIR - JAY BHOI	 THE BIG ONE - VERY SERIOUS THEATRE	 DRAMATIC JUKEBOX	 TWO VOICES - KRITHIKA ARAVINDAN	 HOW DO YOU REMEMBER? - ANU RADHA VERMA	 DEJAVU - SIVA PEMMASANI










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SAMPRADAYA THEATRE

EVENT CALENDAR



MISSISSAUGA MULTILINGUAL FRINGE FESTIVAL 2026

SAMPRADAYA THEATRE

3250 RIDGEWAY DRIVE, UNIT 5, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5L 5Y6



Day	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	8:30 PM to 9:30 PM	10:00 PM to 11:00 PM
17th Aug (Mon)	 THE AMBER GREY SKY - THINK BROWN MEDIA	 DASTAAN-E-ISHQ.EXE - BAKWAAS PRODUCTION	 CHAMKEELI - A J DREAMZ
18th Aug (Tue)	 OPEN MIC - ANJALEE NADARAJAN	 DO SAAVE EK AMRITA - ADAKAAR ARTS	 ZAMANA BADAL GAYA HAI - PAPER BOAT PRODUCTION
19th Aug (Wed)	 DO SAAVE EK AMRITA - ADAKAAR ARTS	 CHAMKEELI - A J DREAMZ	 OPEN MIC - ANJALEE NADARAJAN
20th Aug (Thur)	 DASTAAN-E-ISHQ.EXE - BAKWAAS PRODUCTION	 ZAMANA BADAL GAYA HAI - PAPER BOAT PRODUCTION	 THE AMBER GREY SKY - THINK BROWN MEDIA
21st Aug (Fri)	 CHAMKEELI - A J DREAMZ	 OPEN MIC - ANJALEE NADARAJAN	 DO SAAVE EK AMRITA - ADAKAAR ARTS
22nd Aug (Sat)	 ZAMANA BADAL GAYA HAI - PAPER BOAT PRODUCTION	 THE AMBER GREY SKY - THINK BROWN MEDIA	 DASTAAN-E-ISHQ.EXE - BAKWAAS PRODUCTION
	 CHAMKEELI - A J DREAMZ		
23rd Aug (Sun)	 OPEN MIC - ANJALEE NADARAJAN	 DO SAAVE EK AMRITA - ADAKAAR ARTS	 ZAMANA BADAL GAYA HAI - PAPER BOAT PRODUCTION
		 THE AMBER GREY SKY - THINK BROWN MEDIA	 DASTAAN-E-ISHQ.EXE - BAKWAAS PRODUCTION










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Visual Fringe

A special visual arts exhibition as part of MMFF 2026.

Dates: August 17th to 23rd, 2026

Venue: Sampradaya Theatre, 3250
Ridgeway Dr., Mississauga



Samantha Tzambazis

Samantha is a self-taught artist who enjoys creating in various mediums and styles, always striving to improve skills and explore new techniques. Living with a chronic pain disability, she aims to inspire others facing invisible illnesses. Her work encompasses realism, abstract art, and combinations of both.



Nisreen Askar

Nisreen Askar is a well-known abstract and landscape artist in the city of Mississauga. Her paintings reflect a personal journey towards understanding beauty in her surroundings. Her images evoke a vital response displayed in interpretations of giving and love, mood and emotion, an experience. Her fascinations with the constantly evolving patterns of nature inspire her, like notes on a sheet of music.

Painting is Nisreen's passion and motivation: something she feels is genetically encoded, as her childhood inspiration was her father, a renowned artist. Graduating with honours in Fine Arts from Sheridan College and a Visual Art Diploma from the International Career School, Nisreen has received numerous accolades and awards for her work. The diversity of nature, heritage, people and culture of Mississauga have given her an endless stream of creative opportunities in the city she loves and calls home.



Sing Under the Stars (Singing Competition)

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Venue: Sampradaya Theatre, 3250 Ridgeway Dr.,
Mississauga

Categories: Emerging Singers and Established Singers

As the sun sets, the stage comes alive with music, energy, and unforgettable performances! Sing Under the Stars is a celebration of live music, emerging talent, and community spirit at the Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival 2026. Whether you're stepping onto the stage or cheering from the audience, this promises to be an evening filled with memorable performances and musical magic.



Maple Masala

The evening begins with a special live performance by **Maple Masala** from **7:00 PM – 7:30 PM**, setting the perfect tone before our much-awaited singing competition. Take the Stage... or Take a Seat! Maple Masala is a vibrant five-piece fusion band that artfully bridges cultural divides. Formed in 2020, it brings together the shared passion of Mamta, a classical Hindustani vocalist, and Nissar, a rock guitarist and singer. The dynamic duo weave a melodious tapestry of sound that blends Eastern traditions with Western energy, and timeless nostalgia with modern innovation. Their compelling sonic identity has taken them to prestigious stages across North America to share the spotlight with industry greats like Neeraj Sridhar and open for acclaimed composer Sajid Khan during high-profile tours across Canada and Mexico. Maple Masala continues to redefine contemporary fusion, delivering an elegant and electrifying musical experience that resonates globally.

Think you've got what it takes to wow the audience? Register for the singing competition using the QR code.

Not performing? Come along with your family and friends, cheer for Mississauga's incredible local talent, and enjoy an evening where music brings people together under the stars. Join us for an evening of music, memories, and magical performances.



From Stage to Screen

Workshop for Theatre Actors wanting to transition to Film & TV.

Facilitated by Shazia Javed (Canadian Screen Award nominated Producer and Writer, Director for live action)

Learn the difference between acting for stage and screen in this workshop, gain insights into the Film & TV casting process, discover different types of auditions, and receive practical tips on how to make your audition stand out.



Shazia Javed

Shazia Javed is the Founder and CEO of LifeSketch Media, an entertainment company that champions equity in leadership roles. She recently produced, directed, and showran the TV series Potluck Ladies (Hollywood Suite, YES TV, Prime Video), earning two Canadian Screen Award nominations (Best Drama Series & Best Writing, Drama Series). Her work on Potluck Ladies also won her the Best Drama Series Award at SeriesFest, Denver & and nominations for two awards at Yorkton Film Festival.

Her documentary, 3 Seconds Divorce (Netflix, ORF), won the Audience Choice Award at Reelworld Film Festival. She wrote and directed Namrata (NFB, Hot Docs, Durban International), a finalist for three Alberta Motion Pictures Industries Association (AMPIA) awards. Recognized as

one of Playback's 10 to Watch in 2020, Shazia is an alumna of numerous esteemed career accelerators including Sheridan EDGE Rise, BANFF Spark Accelerator, Netflix/BANFF Diversity of Voices, Reelworld E20, Women in Director's Chair (WIDC), BIPOC Film & TV showrunners bootcamp, and the DOC Breakthrough Program, where she won the Development Award for best pitch. Her work has been supported by the Canada Media Fund, Independent Production Fund, ISO, various art councils, and Canadian and international broadcasters. Throughout her career, Shazia has received recognition for both her artistic contributions and entrepreneurship from organizations such as the City of Mississauga, Sheridan Edge, and United Way Toronto's SACAC, in addition to receiving three MARTY awards from the Mississauga Arts Council. She is currently overseeing a robust slate of projects at LifeSketch Media.



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