

VANESHRAN ARUMUGAM

ACTOR, MUSICIAN, SCREEN AND PLAYWRIGHT, VISUAL ARTIST, DESIGNER, EDUCATOR

AGENT: CONTRACTORS

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PERSONAL DETAILS

WEIGHT: 73 kg

HEIGHT: 1.77 m

HAIR: Black

EYES: Black

<https://www.sixfacecreatives.org/vaneshran-arumugam>

SHIRT SIZE: Medium; Collar: 39

PANTS SIZE: 33

JACKET SIZE: 38 Regular

SHOE SIZE: 9

ACCOLADES:

GLOBAL SOCIAL INNOVATION AWARD WINNER FOR USING ARTS AND ACTING METHODOLOGY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (2019).

FULLBRIGHT SCHOLAR FOR WORK IN CONSCIOUSNESS IN PERFORMANCE (2013 – PRESENT).

FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN & FIRST BLACK HAMLET AT STRATFORD UPON AVON (ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY (2006).

MICHAEL BILLINGTON'S TOP 45 HAMLETS FOR THE LAST 45 DECADES.

FORD FELLOW FOR WORK IN ARTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (2006-PRESENT).

FIRST 'INDIAN' ACTOR TO APPEAR IN A RECURRING ROLE ON SOUTH AFRICAN TV (STREAKS 1997)

EDUCATION/TRAINING

University of Cape Town	MA Performance and Theatre-making	2007 - 2009
Columbia University, New York	MFA program customised with Prof K. Linklater	2008
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg	Bachelor of Arts(Social Anthropology and Dramatic Art)	1995 - 1999

FILM

Kings of Mulberry Street 2- Let Love Reign	Featured role – dir: Judy Naidoo; Ladybug Films	2022
Queen Sono	Featured role - dir: Kagiso Lediga; Di Prente/Netflix	2019
The Last Face	Cameo role (opposite Charlize Theron) – dir: Sean Penn	2016
Ladygrey	Featured role – dir: Alain Choquart	2016
Impunity	Lead role – dir: Jyoti Mistry	2014
Actorholic	Lead role, producer writer – dir: Oliver Rodger	2013
Die Wonderwerker	Featured role (opposite Dawid Minnar) – dir: Katinka Heyns	2012
Copposites	Lead role – dir: Oliver Rodger	2012
I Now Pronounce You Black and White	Supporting role – dir: Oliver Rodger	2010
More Than Just a Game	Supporting role – dir: Junaid Ahmed	2009
Jail Caesar	Supporting role - dir: Paul Schoolman	2007
Scorpion King: Rise of the Akkadian	Cameo role – dir: Russell Mulcahey	2007
Pondo Bicycle	Lead role, producer, writer – dir: Jan Ellis	2006

TELEVISION

SPEAR	Featured role – Lawyer Nigel; Umoba	2023
REYKA	Featured role – dir: Catherine Cooke / Zee Ntuli; Quizzical Pictures	2023
IMAX worldwide commercial	"I love Movies" – Lead role	2016

Dominion II	Guest role – dir: James Renfroe; SyFy Channel	2015
Married Again	Voice dubbed lead (approx. 200 episodes) - ZeeTV	2014
Leonardo	Guest star – dir: Tom Mason; BBC	2011
90 Plein Street III	Guest star – dir: Khalo Mathabane; SABC	2011
The Philanthropist	Guest star – dir: Andy Wilson; NBC	2009
Scandal	Guest star – dir: Adrian Alper; eTV	2007
S.O.S.	Lead – dir: Andre Odendaal; eTV	2000 – 2006
Suburban Bliss 2	Lead – dir: Peter se Puma & Ray Sargent; SABC	1998 - 1999
Streaks	Lead – dir: Gerrit Schoonoven; eTV	1997

THEATRE

Capturing Freedom	Director, producer, writer - Mandela Capture Site, KZN	2020
Songs of Storymen	Director, writer, producer, lead performer – performed at Vrystaat Kunstefees and toured in New York City	2019
ALPHA	Collaborating creator, lead performer – dir: Erwin Maas - flagship production at the Vrystaat Kunstefees/ Arts festival, Bloemfontein	2018
Robben Island Bible	Producer, lead performer – dir: Mandla Mbothwe - played Sonny Venkatratnam at Artscape Spirit festival and a special site-specific performance at Robben Island Prison	2016
Alaipayuthe	Director - Bharatnatyam dance performance by Siddharthiya Pillay at inaugural Cape Town International Dance Festival	2016
Urban Death	Producer, designer, stage manager – dir: Jana Wimer of Zombie Joe Underground Theatre, Los Angeles; performed at Intimate Theatre, Cape Town	2015
The Gathering	Lead performer, co producer – dir: Deborah Houston; performed at St Francis College Theatre, NYC, USA	2013
Tshihumbudzo Centenary Celebration of the ANC	Lead performer – dir: James Ngcobo; performed at Mangaung Stadium, Bloemfontein, and televised live nationally	2012
Bricolage	Lead performer, writer, composer – dir: Sanjin Muftic – site specific at the Slave Church Museum, Cape town Infecting the City Festival	2012
Not an Angry Ape	Lead performer, co -writer/director with Prof. Kriben Pillay - 4 th World Conference of Consciousness in Theatre, Art and Literature, Lincoln, United Kingdom	2011
Midsummer Night's Dream	Lead: Bottom – co-conceived/directed with Guy De Lancey at the Intimate Theatre, Cape town	2011
Interrupting Henry	Lead performer – dir: Matthew Wild at Artscape Theatre, Cape Town	2010
Texture	Writer, director, lead performer – Intimate Theatre, Cape Town (MA Thesis production)	2009
Cissie	Lead performer – dir: Nadia Davids - Grahamstown National Arts Festival	2008
Othello	Lead: Othello – dir: Geoffrey Hyland at the Baxter Theatre, Cape Town	2008

Dark Night with You in the Mourning	Writer, lead performer, producer – Playroom, Hiddingh Campus, University of Cape Town	2008
PAD	Collaborative site-specific performance art with Werner Marx, featuring live music, dance, drama, and visual art - Out the Box Festival, Hiddingh Campus, Cape Town	2007
You Expected Something Else	Writer, producer director and performer - one person theatre piece at Grahamstown National Arts Festival	2007
Hamlet: Prince of Denmark	Lead: Hamlet – dir: Dame Janet Suzman; performed at the Swan Theatre, Stratford Upon Avon, for the Royal Shakespeare Company Complete Works Festival	2006
Jesus Hopped the A Train	Lead performer – dir: Lara Bye at the Baxter Studio, Cape Town	2005
Antigone	Lead performer - dir: Sean Mathias at Grahamstown National Arts Festival	2004

MUSIC

Sound Mind Sessions	Writer/arranger, performer, composer (multi-instrument, looper, spoken word) – multiple venues in KZN – solo	2022
Sound Journeys	Writer/composer, arranger, performer (multi-instrument/spoken word); Buddhist Retreat Centre, Ixopo - as Jimi Ganesh and the Truth and multiple venues in KZN	2022/2021
Splashy Fen Music Festival	Writer/composer, arranger, performer (multi-instrument and spoken word) with Nish Pillay (tabla) - multi genre 2 piece performing originals and covers as Jimi Ganesh and The Truth	2021
Capturing Freedom	Composed, arranged, and performed live score for the production	2020
Songs of Story Men	Composed, arranged, and performed	2019
Mill Sessions: Dan Patlansky	Performer (blues harp) - Caversham Mill, KZN Midlands, South Africa	2018
Blue River Project	Lead guitarist, blues harp - 4-piece blues band	2017
Mill Sessions: Steve Newman	Producer, director, performer (spoken word, blues harp) - Caversham Mill, KZN Midlands South Africa	2015
All in One	Producer, director: Steve Newman, Errol Dyers and Hilton Schilder in Concert – Fugard Theatre, Cape Town	2011

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

OTHER LANGUAGES: Afrikaans, isiXhosa, Zulu, German

ACCENTS: VARIOUS

OTHER SKILLS: Martial arts, Horse riding, Basic firearms, Music (multi instrument)