

# SHIVANI THAKKAR

## THEATRE

WEST BOLLYWOOD	PRIESTESS/DANCER	THE MATRIX THEATRE – KIFF SCHOLL
ENCOUNTER	MARA/MILITARY	TOURING – NAVARASA – APARNA SINDHOOR
SUMMER SOUNDS	LEAD	HOLLYWOOD BOWL – DEBBIE DIVINE
THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES	SOLOIST, ENSEMBLE	ARATANI THEATRE – HEIDI HELEN DAVIS
OMNIUM GATHERUM	WAITER	THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – ELLEN GEER
ANTONY & CLEOPATRA	MESKHENET	THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – ELLEN GEER
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	PEASEBLOSSOM, SNUG/LION	BLUE SPHERE ALLIANCE – ANTHONY BARNAO
RAINCOAT	TARA	BLUE SPHERE ALLIANCE – ANTHONY BARNAO
LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN	LADY RUPAMATI MANSINGH	USC SCHOOL OF THEATRE – MICHAEL KEENAN
BLOOD WEDDING	WOMAN/DANCE CAPTAIN	USC SCHOOL OF THEATRE – STEPHANI SHROYER
CINDERS	UGLY STEPSISTER #1	BLUE SPHERE ALLIANCE – ANN PARTRICH

## FILM/TV

STEP UP 3-D	FEATURED	DISNEY/BUENA VISTA PIC.
DEAD AMERICANS	FEATURED	LARGO FILMS
BIG TIME RUSH	DANCER	NICKELODEAN
BBQ BILL	DANCER	CBS STUDIOS
VALENTINE	DANCER	THE CW
WELCOME	LEAD	NAWNEET RANJAN (DIR.)
A-GURUPHOBIA	CHOREOGRAPHER/LEAD DANCER	RICHARD MONTES (DIR.)
INDUSTRIAL: INSTANT ADVICE	LEAD	PATRICK TAMARCHIO (DIR.)
CRAMSTER.COM	LEAD	SAM PAIK (DIR.)
CAPITULATION	LEAD	MARY NWOSU (DIR.)
MOMENT OF RECOGNITION	LEAD	MARY NWOSU (DIR.)
DANCE CAN DO ALL THAT	LEAD	TANIA TREPANIER (DIR.)
DOCUMENTARY		

## TRAINING

B.A. THEATRE, minor Film/Television Production, cum laude, University of Southern California, School of Dramatic Arts  
 SCENE STUDY: Howard Fine Acting Studios - Howard Fine, David Corey, Marilyn McIntyre, Ted Brunetti  
 STEPPENWOLF SUMMER INTENSIVE: Jeff Perry, Alex Billings, Kim Rubenstein, Eric Hunicutt, Yasan Peyankov  
 CLASSICAL THEATRE: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum - Ellen Geer, Melora Marshall, Karen Reed  
 ON-CAMERA: Margie Haber Studios  
 VOICE-OVER: Gerald Rivers

## SPECIAL SKILLS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Languages**- conversational Hindi, Gujarati, Kutchi  
**Professional Dancer** – Indian Classical (Bharata Natyam), Bollywood, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary; FOUNDER/ARTISTIC  
 DIRECTOR of MKM Bollystars Dance Company, Choreographer/Master Teacher; Dance Faculty AMDA LA  
**Legal to Work in USA and CANADA** – Canadian Citizen and US Green Card (Permanent Resident)  
**Legal to Work in INDIA** – Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card Holder

## AWARDS

Genesis and South Asian Xcellence “Artistic Visionary 2012” Artist of the Year Award (2012), Canada Council for the Arts: Professional Development Grant (2012), Finalist, Miss India Canada (2011), Enbridge Emerging Artist Award Nominee (2010), Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Arts Study Fellowship (2009), US National Winner of “Bollypop” Bollywood Dance Competition (2008), University of Southern California School of Theatre Dean’s Scholarship and International Dean’s Scholarship (2001-2005), Calgary Kiwanis Music Festival- Several awards in Contemporary Solo Scenes and Narrative Dramatic Poetry Solos, Alberta Foundation For The Arts: Arts Study Project Grant (2000)