



NAINITA DESAI

BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT 2016-17

Nainita is one of the UK's leading award winning composers for film & television. She has written many memorable scores for broadcasters including hundreds of documentaries for the BBC, C4, ITV, C5, HBO, SKY, Discovery, Nat Geo, Smithsonian, as well as for most of the leading independent UK film companies, and has developed a reputation for producing music that is original, rich, inspiring and diverse.

Many of Nainita's projects have won or been nominated for numerous awards including **OSCARS, BAFTAs, EMMYs** and **RTS Awards**.

RECENT AWARDS + NOMINATIONS

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MUSIC + SOUND AWARD UK 2016:

WINNER: BEST ORIGINAL FEATURE FILM SCORE: The Confessions of Thomas Quick

WOMEN IN SYNC AWARDS, NYC, USA 2016:

WINNER: BEST MUSIC IN A FEATURE FILM: The Confessions of Thomas Quick

RTS TELEVISION CRAFT AWARDS 2014:

NOMINEE: RTS BEST ORIGINAL MUSIC: The Day Kennedy Died

TMT NEWS MEDIA AWARDS 2016:

WINNER: BEST MEDIA MUSIC COMPOSERS – EUROPE

RTS SCOTLAND AWARDS 2014:

WINNER: BEST SOUND: Vinnie Jones: Russia's Toughest 5x60min NAT GEO

WEB LINKS:

<http://www.nainitadesai.com/showreel>
www.soundology.com - factual television
www.nainitadesai.com - personal portfolio site

BTS VIDEO: THE MAKING OF THE MUSIC FOR 'THE CONFESSIONS OF THOMAS QUICK'

<https://youtu.be/hL7IHwMy0po>

BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT

<https://www.bafta.org/supporting-talent/breakthrough-brits/nainita-desai-composer>

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BACKGROUND BIO

Nainita moves seamlessly between orchestral music and a multitude of other styles fusing contemporary, world, and sound design elements.

She has also worked as Sound Designer on many features including **LITTLE BUDDHA** (Keanu Reeves, Bridget Fonda), **BACKBEAT, LESSONS OF DARKNESS** (Werner Herzog), **AUGUST** (Anthony Hopkins) and **HACKERS** (Angelina Jolie) as well as contributing specialist music for **GREAT EXPECTATIONS** (Ethan Hawke, Gwyneth Paltrow) and scoring over 30 major Feature Film Trailers.

Nainita's musical foundations are rooted in documentary where she has forged an enviable reputation composing for factual TV, documentaries and feature docs. Her eclectic and versatile sound has contributed to a vast body of films through her company **SOUNDOLOGY**.

She has also sat on various judging panels for the **RTS, Ivor Novellos, BAFTA, and Emmys**, and frequently gives talks and masterclasses in media music throughout the UK and Internationally (from South Africa to Copenhagen) including **Sheffield Doc Fest** and the **BFI** as well as sitting on the Media Exec Committee at **BASCA**.

Nainita also led the 'Soundology Breakthrough Pitch' award at **Sheffield Doc Fest** and is a visiting lecturer at **Goldsmiths College**.

She obtained degrees in Maths before attending the **NFTS** to study sound. Her eclectic musical upbringing as a child led to her studying the sitar, piano, guitar, tabla and violin which led to a post grad degree in Music Technology. She then worked as a freelance music engineer working with many top artistes and bands. This led to work with **Peter Gabriel** during the legendary "Real World Recording Week" sessions, working with over 70 of the world's top artistes.

FILM+TV CREDITS

2017 PROJECTS:

DARKNESS VISIBLE (psychological thriller feature film)	Dir: Neil Biswas (Sky 'Lucky Man') BFI Newscope
NI'IHAU (WW2 drama feature film)	Dir Gabriel Robertson (2710 Productions Creative Scotland)
RITUALS	4x60min BBC NHU
HUNTING THE KGB KILLERS	1x90min C4 True Vision Exec Prod: Alex Holmes Brian Woods
EARTH'S NATURAL WONDERS	3x60min BBC1 BBC Science SP: Jobim Sampson
ALL MY CHILDREN – Poetry film in colab' with Simon Armitage	1x60min BBC Dir: Sam Benstead
DIANA: THE DAY BRITAIN CRIED	1x60min ITV Finestripe Dir: Leslie Woodhead
LONDON'S BURNING (wt)	3x60min ITV Mentorn Media
TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME with Gordon Buchanan S2	3x60min BBC NHU Exec Prod: Ted Oakes
FROM HERE TO TIMBUKTU	2x60min BBC2 Tern TV
THE GANGES WITH SUE PERKINS	3x60min BBC1 Folk Films
THE DETECTIVES: INSIDE THE MAJOR CRIMES TEAM	3x60min ITV Raw Cut TV
KATE HUMBLE: THIS WOMAN'S WORLD	3x60min BBC Bristol BBC2
THE PARTITION WITH ANITA RANI (w/t)	2x60min BBC1 Wall To Wall
SOUTH AFRICA WITH TREVOR McDONALD (w/t)	1x60min ITV Shiver
DOWN THE MIGHTY RIVER WITH STEVE BACKSHALL	2x60min BBC2 BBC Science

2016 PROJECTS:

THE MURDER OF SADIE HARTLEY	1x90min Special ITV Raw Cut TV **RTS BEST SINGLE DOC WINNER** 2017
LOST IN LEBANON	1x90min Feature Doc 1x90min Groundtruth Prods
AFRICA RIVERS WILD – Flagship Natural History	7x60min Animal Planet Warehouse 51 Exec: Jonny Young
THE BIG FOOD RESCUE	5x45min BBC1 Daytime
BRITAIN AT LOW TIDE Series 1	3x60min C4 Tern TV
THE COPS UK	16x60min UKTV Raw Cut
AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES	4x60min Smithsonian Finestripe
B IS FOR BOOK	1x60min Century Films BBC4 Dir: Sam Benstead
INTO THE WILD with Gordon Buchanan	5x60min BBC2 Hello-Halo
TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME Series 1	3x60min BBC NHU Exec Prod: Ted Oakes ** RTS WEST BEST DOC SERIES NOMINEE** 2017
ICE TOWN: LIVING ON THE EDGE	10x60min BBC Earth Exec: Wendy Rattray
BURMAS SECRET JUNGLE WAR with JOE SIMPSON	2x60min BBC Arrow Media SP: Alexis Girardet
LIFE AGAINST ALL ODDS	1x60min SVT Natural History

FEATURE FILMS / DRAMA:

MOLLY	Dir: Greg Karpinski Dissident Films (Music)
CHECKPOST	Dir: Aneel Ahmed Films (Music)
LITTLE BUDDHA	Dir: Bernardo Bertolucci Prod: Jeremy Thomas (Sound Design)
BACKBEAT	Dir: Ian Softley Prod: Scala Productions (Sound Design)
AUGUST	Dir & Starring: Anthony Hopkins ITV Films (Sound Design)
INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE	Dir : Neil Jordan Scala Productions (Sound Design)
HACKERS	Dir: Ian Softley Starring; Angelina Jolie (Sound Design)
DEATH MACHINE	Dir: Steve Norrington Prod: Fugitive Features (Sound Design)
FATHERLAND	Dir: Chris Menaul Starring: Rutger Hauer HBO (Sound Design)
GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Robert de Niro Gwyneth Paltrow Additional Specialist music
LESSONS OF DARKNESS	Dir: Werner Herzog
THE LITTLE TERRORIST	Dir: Ashvin Kumar (Music) OSCAR NOMINATED

2015 PROJECTS:

MUMBAI HIGH – THE MUSICAL	1x80min BBC Century Films Dir: Brian Hill
THE DAY THEY DROPPED THE BOMB	1x60min ITV Smithsonian
THE DAY HITLER DIED	1x60min ITV Smithsonian
HER STORY	4x60min BBC News Films of Record JW Thompson
CAMERA MAN TO THE QUEEN	1x60min ITV Shiver
MILLION DOLLAR PRINCESS S2	3x60min Smithsonian Finestripe
BRITAINS BIGGEST ADVENTURES WITH BEAR GRYLLS	3x60min ITV Nutoxia SP: Dale Templar
LIVING WITH NOMADS with Kate Humble	3x60min BBC2 Indus Films
SUPERCAR SALESMEN	1x60min Off The Fence C4
KOLKATA WITH SUE PERKINS	1x60min BBC1
GLOBE TREKKER – DELHI+RAJASTHAN	1x60min Discovery Pilot
VALLEY OF DEATH (AFGHANISTAN)	1x60min BBC Off Centre Prod
RISE OF THE KILLER AIDS	1x60min Smithsonian

2014 PROJECTS:

TREASURES OF THE INDUS	3x60min BBC4 Tern TV
MILLION DOLLAR PRINCESSES S1	3x60min Finestripe Smithsonian
DINOSAUR BRITAIN	2x60min ITV Maverick
HUNTERS OF THE SOUTH SEAS	3x60min BBC2 Indus Exec: Jamie Balment
THE SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL WITH JOHN BARROWMAN	15x30min C4 Tern TV
THE MEKONG WITH SUE PERKINS	4 x 60min BBC2 Indus
XTREME ENDURANCE: RACE TO THE POLE	4x60min C5 Zig Zag Prods SP: Dale Templar
GLOBE TREKKER-DELHI & RAJASTHAN	1x60min Discovery / Pilot
THE DAY THEY DROPPED THE BOMB	1x84min ITV Smithsonian Dir: Leslie Woodhead
EXECUTED (50th Anniversary of the death penalty)	1x60min ITV Shiver
MOLLY	1x20min Drama Dissident Films
WALLANDER & BORGEN TRAILERS	Season 3 Official UK Trailer
SHARK ALLEY	1x60min Aquavision / Nat Geo

2013 PROJECTS:

STREET PATROL UK Series 1+2	10x45min Leopard Films BBC1
ANIMAL HEROES	3x60min ITV Twenty Twenty
THE PEOPLE'S MEDAL	1x60min Event Special Wall To Wall ITV1
VINNIE JONES: RUSSIA'S TOUGHEST	6x60min Nat Geo Tern TV
ROBBED RAIDED REUNITED Series 1+2	20 x 30min Leopard Films BBC1
NEIGHBOURHOOD BLUES 7 series	10 x 45 min BBC1 Daytime
POLICE INTERCEPTORS	9 series C5 Raw Cut TV
MY BAGGY BODY	1x60min C4 Blakeway North
TO LIGHT A CANDLE	1x60min Off-Centre Productions
KENNEDY'S SUICIDE BOMBER	1x60min Smithsonian
HIGH AND DRY with James Cracknell & Ben Fogle	2x60min BBC2 Indus Exec: Lucy Carter
WHO WERE THE GREEKS	2x60min BBC2 Tern TV Exec: Harry Bell
ANCIENT GREECE: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH	3x60min BBC4 Tern TV Exec: Harry Bell
WILD SHEPHERDESS with Kate Humble	3x60min BBC2 Indus Films
BEING POIROT with David Suchet	1x60min ITV Shiver
CORAL OF THE RED SEA- natural history	1x60min SVT Sweden
THE KIDS WITH NO MEMORY	1x60min C5 OR Media

SPECIALIST FACTUAL:

JAMES CRACKNELL: THE COLDEST RACE ON EARTH
JAMES CRACKNELL: THE TOUGHEST RACE ON EARTH
RONNIE CORBETT'S COMEDY BRITAIN
ARCTIC WITH BRUCE PARRY
BILLY CONNOLLY: JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
DISASTER EYE-WITNESS
MAN MADE MARVELS

1x60min Discovery | Bulls Eye
1x90min special Discovery | Bulls Eye
2x60min ITV | Shiver
5x60 min BBC2 | Indus Films
4x60min ITV | Shiver
10x30mins Discovery | Raw Cut TV
2x60min Darlow Smithson | Discovery

NATURAL HISTORY:

TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME
AFRICAN RIVERS WILD – flagship Natural History Series
INTO THE WILD with Gordon Buchanan
SHARK ATTACK EXPERIMENT: LIVE
SHARKS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
WILD BATTLEFIELDS
THE NATURAL WORLD : A MOOSE NAMED MADELINE
THE NATURAL WORLD : BIG SKY BEARS
THE NATURAL WORLD: CHEEKY MONKEY
THE NATURAL WORLD: THE CRATER
WILDLIFE ON ONE–Beavers : The Master Builders
WILDLIFE ON ONE - The Monkeys of the Rock
WILDLIFE ON ONE - Bands on the Run
EATEN ALIVE

3x60min BBC2 | NHU SP: Ted Oakes
7x60min Animal Planet | Warehouse 51
5x60min BBC2 / Hello-Halo
1x120min Nat Geo Wild | Aquavision TV
1x30min Crystalwater Films | STV Sweden
3x60min BBCNHU
1x60min BBC NHU
1x60min BBC NHU
1x60min Prod: Karen Bass BBC NHU
1x60min BBC NHU
1x30min BBC NHU
1x30min BBC BHU
1x30min BBC NHU
1x60min BBC Bristol

OB-DOC SERIES:

STRICTLY KOSHER S1+S2
FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS
MUMMY DIARIES
MAKE ME A MUSLIM
MAKE ME A CHRISTIAN
ADMISSION IMPOSSIBLE

3x60 min ITV | SHIVER
6x60min CH5 | ITN PRODUCTIONS
3x60min C4 | Ricochet
3x60min C4 | Wildcard
3x60min C4 | Wildcard Prods
2x60min C4 | Ricochet

FACTUAL SERIES:

BRITAIN'S BEST BAKERY [Titles:Intl vrsn]
WORLD'S CRAZIEST POLICE PURSUITS
POLICE INTERCEPTORS
ROAD WARS: Series 7 music rebranding
YOU'RE NICKED
ROAD WARS
ROAD WARS – USA
WEAPONOLOGY S1+2
COACH TRIP

20x60min ITV | Shine TV
2x60min C5 | Raw Cut TV
10x60min C5 | Raw Cut TV
Sky One | Raw Cut TV
6x60min C5
7x60min Sky One
8x60min Sky One
13 x 60min series Flashback TV / Discovery
C4 | 12 Yard [Additional Library Music]

SINGLE DOCS:

AFGHAN ARMY GIRLS – TRUE STORIES
THE IRAN-ISRAEL CONFLICT
CRIME SCENE FORENSICS
LOST CIVILISATION
EXPOSURE: THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST ARM'S RACE
LEAH'S DREAM
SEARCH FOR THE LIVING CANNIBALS
DAVID JASON'S BATTLE OF BRITAIN
THE SNAKEMAN
DAVID SUCHET ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
TURIN SHROUD: NEW EVIDENCE
REVEALED: THE CAPTAIN BLIGH CONSPIRACY
CUTTING EDGE – SLEEPING WITH THE AU PAIR
STORYVILLE - 444 DAYS THE IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS
CHILDREN OF BESLAN

1x60min C4 | More4
1x60min Doco BBC Persia | Off-Centre Productions
1x60min BBC1
1x60min Nat Geo | Atlantic Productions
1x60min ITV | Brook Lapping
1x60min ITV | Shiver
1x60min Nat Geo | Bulls Eye
1x60min ITV1 | Shiver
1x60min C5 | ZigZag
1x60 min ITV | Shiver
1x60 min C4 | Darlow Smithson
1x60min C4 | Yap TV | Zig Zag TV
1x60min C4 | 20/20 Television
1x90min BBC2
1x60min BBC2 | HBO

STORYVILLE – SREBERNICA: NEVER GAIN?
DISPATCHES – DRINKING YOURSELF TO DEATH
DISPATCHES SPECIAL: THE BLUNKETT DIARIES
WHO GOT BENNY HILL’S MILLIONS?
WHO GOT DIANA DORS MILLIONS?
REAL CRIMES: The Kenneth Noye Story
REVEALED: THE TRUE CURSE OF THE MUMMY
EQUINOX-THE TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT
UNDER THE SUN: GEIKO GIRL
STORYVILLE – STAR WARS DREAMS

1x79min BBC2 | October Films
1x60min C4 | Quick Silver Media
2x60min C4 | Juniper TV
1x60min C4 | Granada TV
1x60 min C4 | Granada
1x60min ITV | Granada
1x60min C5 | Stony City Films
1x60min Café Productions | C4
1x60 BBC2 | Antelope Prods
1x74min BBC2 | Antelope Prods

FACTUAL SERIES: TRAVEL / ADVENTURE:

WORLD CAFÉ ASIA S1+2
WORLD CAFÉ MIDDLE EAST S1+2
TREKS IN A WILD WORLD: numerous episodes
GLOBE TREKKER & LONELY PLANET: numerous episodes

13x30min Discovery | Pilot Prods
5x60min Pilot Prods | Discovery
Pilot Prods | Discovery
Pilot Prods | Discovery