



## NAINITA DESAI

### BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT

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### BACKGROUND

Working at the forefront of a new wave of emerging artists, Nainita is a **BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT** and has scored countless bespoke TV series and film scores for all the major broadcasters from the BBC to HBO to ITV and C4. She is a recent winner of the **Music+Sound Award** for Best Feature Film Score, a **Women in Sync Awards 2016 Nominee**, **RTS Craft Award 2014 Nominee** for Best Original Music and **RTS Scotland Awards 2014**.

Nainita's recent releases include **Untamed Romania**, the most successful non-fiction film this year in Romania that World Premiered at Transylvania Film Festival 2018, **The Life After** (BBC / Screen Ireland) World Premiere at Galway Intl Film Festival 2018, **Anemone** (BBC Film / Film London) Premiere at Encounters Festival.

Her current projects include feature films **The Reason I Jump (BFI)** made by award winning Dir Jerry Rothwell | **AI Tomorrow**, **5 Years in Love And War (C4)** dir by **Emmy award winner Ed Watts**, **Exit Eve**, exec prod: Camille Gatin (*The Girl With All the Gifts*) BFI psychological horror **Darkness Visible** (Dir: Neil Biswas, co-creator of Sky 1 *Lucky Man*), WW2 thriller **Ni'ihau**, .and **Interactive movie / video game Telling Lies for Annapurna Interactive (Phantom Thread)** directed by multi-Bafta winning Sam Barlow

Also known for her work on dramas including Emmy winner **Maxwell** (BBC) and the factual drama **To Kidnap A Princess (ITV)**, recent projects include **The Confessions of Thomas Quick** (BFI/Film4), **Bafta, Grierson and RTS 2018 Nominees - Raped: My Story** and **Catching A Killer (C4)**, landmark series **Extraordinary Rituals** the BBC NHU follow up to the multi Bafta winning series Human Planet, and the title theme for the prestigious **BBC Royal Wedding broadcast Meghan and Harry**.

Working in a wide range of musical genres, Nainita moves seamlessly between working with orchestras including the **London Contemporary Orchestra** (Phantom Thread, There Will Be Blood) and the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales**, and ethnic influenced music utilising her collection of custom made instruments from around the world, to electronic and experimental sound design well as song-writing which has led to collaborations with artists including singer **Eivor (The Last Kingdom)** and writing documentary musicals for the BBC including the acclaimed **Mumbai High – The Musical**.

Nainita's musical foundations are rooted in documentary where she has forged an enviable reputation, working with leading film makers on numerous projects that have garnered **OSCAR, BAFTA, EMMY** awards and nominations, proving time and again that she is extremely versatile, able to adapt to the demands of any project with an ability to embrace every score with a unique creative approach.

As a sound designer, Nainita's career began on feature films for **Bertolluci (Little Buddha)** and **Werner Herzog (Lessons of Darkness)** including **Backbeat** (Dir: Ian Softley), **Lessons of Darkness** (Dir: Werner Herzog), **August** (Dir: Anthony Hopkins), and **Hackers** (Angelina Jolie).

Nainita obtained degrees in Mathematics before attending the NFTS specializing in sound design. She was born and brought up in London to Indian parents and her eclectic musical upbringing as a child led her to studying the sitar, piano, guitar, tabla, singing and violin. Her passion for music technology led to her working as a freelance music engineer working with many top artistes and bands ranging from **The Damned** to **Tori Amos**. which led to work with **Peter Gabriel** during the legendary **Real World Recording Week** sessions, working with over 70 of the top World Music artistes including **Papa Wemba, Billy Cobham, Daniel Lanois, Jane Sibbery, Nigel Kennedy, Sinead O'Connor, Ravi Shankar** and **Peter Gabriel**.

## RECENT AWARDS + NOMINATIONS

**BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT**

**ASIAN ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2017**  
*CONTRIBUTION TO ARTS+CULTURE*

**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](http://www.soundology.com) - factual television  
[www.nainitadesai.com](http://www.nainitadesai.com) - personal portfolio site

**BTS VIDEO: THE MAKING OF THE MUSIC FOR 'THE CONFESSIONS OF THOMAS QUICK'**  
<https://youtu.be/hL7IHwMy0po>

## FILM+TV CREDITS

### 2019 PROJECTS

**Feature: THE REASON I JUMP** Dir: Jerry Rothwell Prod: Al Morrow Met Films | BFI | Vulcan

### 2018 PROJECTS

#### **Live Event:**

**BBC Broadcast of The Royal Wedding** Meghan + Harry – titles (performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales)

#### **Features+Drama 2018:**

**Feature: UNTAMED ROMANIA** 90min (Off The Fence / European Nature Trust)  
Score performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales

**Narrative Video Game TELLING LIES** Annapurna Interactive (What Became of Edith Finch, Phantom Thread, Zero Dark 30)  
Dir: Sam Barlow (Bafta winning director | designer)  
Score Performed by LCO London Contemporary Orchestra

**Feature: DARKNESS VISIBLE** Dir: Neil Biswas (Sky 'Lucky Man') BFI | Protagonist | Psychological Horror

**Feature: NI'HAU** Dir: Gabriel Robertson Prod: Ken Petrie | WW2 drama

**Feature: THE LIFE AFTER** Dir: Brian Hill (Bafta Winer) BBC | Irish Film Board | Century Films

**Feature: 5 YEARS IN LOVE AND WAR** Dir: Ed Watts (Emmy Award Winner) C4 | ITN

**Film: ANEMONE** Dir: Amrou Al-Kadhi Prod: Savannah James-Bayley BBC Films | Film London

**Film: CURFEW** EON Productions | NFTS Dir: Oz Arshad (Starring: Karl Davies)

**Film: LAB RAT** Dir: Nour Wazzi | Panacea Productions Sci-Fi

**Film: EXIT EVE** Dir: Charlie Parham Prod: Helen Simmons Exec Prod: Camille Gatin

**Film: SECOND SKIN** Prod: Charlotte Arden | Gizmo Films (Starring: Sheila Hancock | Tanya Reynolds)

## Documentary 2018:

DEFENDERS UK	15x45min BBC1 Tomos TV
TRAVEL EYES	1x60min BBC2   Spun Gold
RIVER HUNTERS (Title Theme)	Hello-Halo   History Channel
AM I A MURDERER	1x60min ITV Raw Cut TV
MY ASIAN FAMILY – THE MUSICAL	BBC Documentary Musical Dir: Brian Hill   Century Films
COCKLE BAY (w/t)	BBC2 4x60min Wildflame TV SP: Alexis Girardet
THE DAY WE WALKED ON THE MOON	ITV   Smithsonian 1x60min Finestripe Prods Dir: John Moulson
EQUATOR FROM THE AIR (wip)	BBC2   4x60min Dragonfly TV   Exec: Richard Bond   Ruth Shurman
OCEAN MYSTERIES	10x60min Discovery   Cineflix Media
EARTH'S NATURAL WONDERS	BBC1   3x60min Landmark Series SP: Jobim Sampson   BBC Scotland
DAVID JASON: Planes, Trains and Automobiles	UKTV   5x60min SP: Chris Malone
EXTRAORDINARY RITUALS	BBC NHU 3x60min Landmark Series   SP: Tuppence Stone
EXPOSURE: Police Abuse (w/t)	ITV   Raw Cut TV 1x60min Dir: Tom Randall
CATCHING A KILLER: A Knock At the Door	1x80min C4   True Vision Exec: Brian Woods <b>BAFTA   RTS Nominee</b>
SEARCHING FOR MUM	2x60min BBC2   Raw TV Series Producer: Will Lorimer   Exec: Liesel Evans
MY DAD, THE PEACE DEAL and ME	1x60min BBC1   Dragonfly TV Dir: Leo Burley   Exec: Richard Bond
JAPAN'S SECRET SHAME	1x60min BBC2 True Vision   Dir: Erica Jenkin Exec: Brian Woods
THE LOST KINGDOM OF THE YETI	1x120 Discovery Special Icon Films Dir: James Mair
TREVOR McDONALD: RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA	1x60min ITV   Shiver

## 2017 PROJECTS:

CATCHING A KILLER: WIND IN THE WILLOWS	1x80 C4   True Vision   <b>BAFTA   RTS   Broadcast Award Nominee Series</b>
RAPED: MY STORY	1x90min Lambent Prodns Dir: Catey Sexton   <b>BAFTA +RTS Nom</b>
MY FAMILY, PARTITION and ME	2x60min BBC1   Wall To Wall   <b>BAFTA + RTS NOMINEE</b>
HUNTING THE KGB KILLERS Feature Doc	1x90min C4   True Vision EP: Alex Holmes Brian Woods
DIANA: THE DAY BRITAIN CRIED	1x60min ITV   Finestripe Dir: Leslie Woodhead
INSIDE THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE	3x60min ITV   Mentorn Media
TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME Series 2	3x60min BBC NHU Exec Prod: Ted Oakes
FROM HERE TO TIMBUKTU	2x60min BBC2   Tern TV
THE GANGES WITH SUE PERKINS	3x60min BBC1   Folk Films
EXTREME WIVES WITH KATE HUMBLE	3x60min BBC2   Folk Films
DOWN THE MIGHTY RIVER WITH STEVE BACKSHALL	2x60min BBC2 BBC Science
THE DETECTIVES: INSIDE THE MAJOR CRIMES TEAM	3x60min ITV   Raw Cut TV
CHILD IN MIND	1x60min BBC2   Dir: Sam Benstead   Century Films

## 2016 PROJECTS:

LOST IN LEBANON	1x90min Feature Doc 1x90min
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 S1	3x60min C4   Tern TV
UNDERCOVER COPS	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
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
THE MURDER OF SADIE HARTLEY	1x90min Special ITV   Raw Cut TV <b>RTS WINNER   Broadcast Nom</b>
LIFE AGAINST ALL ODDS	1x60min SVT Natural History

## 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
BRITAIN'S BIGGEST ADVENTURES WITH BEAR GRYLLS	3x60min ITV   Nutopia 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  
MILLION DOLLAR PRINCESSES S1  
DINOSAUR BRITAIN  
HUNTERS OF THE SOUTH SEAS  
THE SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL WITH JOHN BARROWMAN  
THE MEKONG WITH SUE PERKINS  
XTREME ENDURANCE: RACE TO THE POLE  
GLOBE TREKKER-DELHI & RAJASTHAN  
THE DAY THEY DROPPED THE BOMB  
EXECUTED (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death penalty)  
MOLLY  
WALLANDER & BORGEN TRAILERS  
SHARK ALLEY

3x60min BBC4 | Tern TV  
3x60min Finetripe | Smithsonian  
2x60min ITV | Maverick  
3x60min BBC2 | Indus Exec: Jamie Balment  
15x30min C4 | Tern TV  
4 x 60min BBC2 | Indus  
4x60min C5 | Zig Zag Prods SP: Dale Templar  
1x60min Discovery / Pilot  
1x84min ITV | Smithsonian Dir: Leslie Woodhead  
1x60min ITV | Shiver  
1x20min Drama | Dissident Films  
Season 3 Official UK Trailer  
1x60min Aquavision / Nat Geo

2013 PROJECTS:

STREET PATROL UK Series 1+2  
ANIMAL HEROES  
THE PEOPLE'S MEDAL  
VINNIE JONES: RUSSIA'S TOUGHEST  
ROBBED RAIDED REUNITED Series 1+2  
NEIGHBOURHOOD BLUES 7 series  
POLICE INTERCEPTORS  
MY BAGGY BODY  
TO LIGHT A CANDLE  
KENNEDY'S SUICIDE BOMBER  
HIGH AND DRY with James Cracknell & Ben Fogle  
WHO WERE THE GREEKS  
ANCIENT GREECE: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH  
WILD SHEPHERDESS with Kate Humble  
BEING POIROT with David Suchet  
CORAL OF THE RED SEA- natural history  
THE KIDS WITH NO MEMORY

10x45min Leopard Films | BBC1  
3x60min ITV | Twenty Twenty  
1x60min Event Special Wall To Wall | ITV1  
6x60min Nat Geo | Tern TV  
20 x 30min Leopard Films |BBC1  
10 x 45 min BBC1 Daytime  
9 series C5 | Raw Cut TV  
1x60min C4 | Blakeway North  
1x60min Off-Centre Productions  
1x60min Smithsonian  
2x60min BBC2 | Indus Exec: Lucy Carter  
2x60min BBC2 | Tern TV Exec: Harry Bell  
3x60min BBC4 | Tern TV Exec: Harry Bell  
3x60min BBC2 | Indus Films  
1x60min ITV | Shiver  
1x60min SVT Sweden  
1x60min C5 | OR Media

FEATURE FILMS / DRAMA:

MOLLY  
CHECKPOST  
LITTLE BUDDHA  
BACKBEAT  
AUGUST  
INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE  
HACKERS  
DEATH MACHINE  
FATHERLAND  
GREAT EXPECTATIONS  
LESSONS OF DARKNESS  
THE LITTLE TERRORIST

Dir: Greg Karpinski (Music)  
Dir: Aneel Ahmed Films (Music)  
Dir: Bernardo Bertolucci Prod: Jeremy Thomas (Sound Design)  
Dir: Ian Softley Prod: Scala Productions (Sound Design)  
Dir & Starring: Anthony Hopkins ITV Films (Sound Design)  
Dir : Neil Jordan Scala Productions (Sound Design)  
Dir: Ian Softley Starring; Angelina Jolie (Sound Design)  
Dir: Steve Norrington Prod: Fugitive Features (Sound Design)  
Dir: Chris Menaul Starring: Rutger Hauer HBO (Sound Design)  
Robert de Niro | Gwyneth Paltrow Additional Specialist music  
Dir: Werner Herzog  
Dir: Ashvin Kumar (Music) **OSCAR NOMINATED**

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

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

<b>THE NATURAL WORLD : BIG SKY BEARS</b>	1x60min BBC NHU
<b>THE NATURAL WORLD: CHEEKY MONKEY</b>	1x60min Prod: Karen Bass BBC NHU
<b>THE NATURAL WORLD: THE CRATER</b>	1x60min BBC NHU
<b>WILDLIFE ON ONE–Beavers : The Master Builders</b>	1x30min BBC NHU
<b>WILDLIFE ON ONE - The Monkeys of the Rock</b>	1x30min BBC BHU
<b>WILDLIFE ON ONE - Bands on the Run</b>	1x30min BBC NHU
<b>EATEN ALIVE</b>	1x60min BBC Bristol

#### OB-DOC SERIES:

<b>STRICTLY KOSHER S1+S2</b>	3x60 min ITV   SHIVER
<b>FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS</b>	6x60min CH5   ITN PRODUCTIONS
<b>MUMMY DIARIES</b>	3x60min C4   Ricochet
<b>MAKE ME A MUSLIM</b>	3x60min C4   Wildcard
<b>MAKE ME A CHRISTIAN</b>	3x60min C4   Wildcard Prods
<b>ADMISSION IMPOSSIBLE</b>	2x60min C4   Ricochet

#### FACTUAL SERIES:

<b>BRITAIN'S BEST BAKERY [ Titles:Intl vrsn]</b>	20x60min ITV   Shine TV
<b>WORLD'S CRAZIEST POLICE PURSUITS</b>	2x60min C5   Raw Cut TV
<b>POLICE INTERCEPTORS</b>	10x60min C5   Raw Cut TV
<b>ROAD WARS: Series 7 music rebranding</b>	Sky One   Raw Cut TV
<b>YOU'RE NICKED</b>	6x60min C5
<b>ROAD WARS</b>	7x60min Sky One
<b>ROAD WARS – USA</b>	8x60min Sky One
<b>WEAPONOLOGY S1+2</b>	13 x 60min series Flashback TV / Discovery
<b>COACH TRIP</b>	C4   12 Yard [Additional Library Music]

#### SINGLE DOCS:

<b>AFGHAN ARMY GIRLS – TRUE STORIES</b>	1x60min C4   More4
<b>THE IRAN-ISRAEL CONFLICT</b>	1x60min Doco BBC Persia   Off-Centre Productions
<b>CRIME SCENE FORENSICS</b>	1x60min BBC1
<b>LOST CIVILISATION</b>	1x60min Nat Geo   Atlantic Productions
<b>EXPOSURE: THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST ARM'S RACE</b>	1x60min ITV   Brook Lapping
<b>LEAH'S DREAM</b>	1x60min ITV   Shiver
<b>SEARCH FOR THE LIVING CANNIBALS</b>	1x60min Nat Geo   Bulls Eye
<b>DAVID JASON'S BATTLE OF BRITAIN</b>	1x60min ITV1   Shiver
<b>THE SNAKEMAN</b>	1x60min C5   ZigZag
<b>DAVID SUCHET ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS</b>	1x60 min ITV   Shiver
<b>TURIN SHROUD: NEW EVIDENCE</b>	1x60 min C4   Darlow Smithson
<b>REVEALED: THE CAPTAIN BLIGH CONSPIRACY</b>	1x60min C4   Yap TV   Zig Zag TV
<b>CUTTING EDGE – SLEEPING WITH THE AU PAIR</b>	1x60min C4   20/20 Television
<b>STORYVILLE - 444 DAYS THE IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS</b>	1x90min BBC2
<b>CHILDREN OF BESLAN</b>	1x60min BBC2   HBO
<b>STORYVILLE – SREBERNICA: NEVER GAIN?</b>	1x79min BBC2   October Films
<b>DISPATCHES – DRINKING YOURSELF TO DEATH</b>	1x60min C4   Quick Silver Media
<b>DISPATCHES SPECIAL: THE BLUNKETT DIARIES</b>	2x60min C4   Juniper TV
<b>WHO GOT BENNY HILL'S MILLIONS?</b>	1x60min C4   Granada TV
<b>WHO GOT DIANA DORS MILLIONS?</b>	1x60 min C4   Granada
<b>REAL CRIMES: The Kenneth Noye Story</b>	1x60min ITV   Granada
<b>REVEALED: THE TRUE CURSE OF THE MUMMY</b>	1x60min C5   Stony City Films
<b>EQUINOX-THE TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT</b>	1x60min Café Productions   C4
<b>UNDER THE SUN: GEIKO GIRL</b>	1x60 BBC2   Antelope Prods
<b>STORYVILLE – STAR WARS DREAMS</b>	1x74min BBC2   Antelope Prods

#### FACTUAL SERIES: TRAVEL / ADVENTURE:

<b>WORLD CAFÉ ASIA S1+2</b>	13x30min Discovery   Pilot Prods
<b>WORLD CAFÉ MIDDLE EAST S1+2</b>	5x60min Pilot Prods   Discovery
<b>TREKS IN A WILD WORLD: numerous episodes</b>	Pilot Prods   Discovery
<b>GLOBE TREKKER &amp; LONELY PLANET: numerous episodes</b>	Pilot Prods   Discovery