

Actress Nivi Singh making waves in CA Short movies and plays

LOS ANGELES

Nivi Singh, born and raised in Bhopal, India, moved to Los Angeles as a student. She was involved in theatre from a young age. In Los Angeles she took acting classes at the renowned Ivana Chubbuck studio and South coast Repertory (award winning theatre company).

She has done six short films before landing as a lead role in the feature film 'Cardboard Dreams' aka 'Cartoneo y Nopalitos'. IE got a chance to speak with her.

IE: Tell us about the movie?

Nivi: Cardboard Dreams is a beautiful story which details the struggle to realize American dream. It details the timeless story of the immigrant's relentless pursuit of dreams that seemingly lie just beyond reach.

The movie details the struggle of Carla and Krupa in parallel stories. Carla who is an immigrant from Mexico and due to lack of valid status is not able to find a decent living in society. Krupa is a young Indian girl who escapes a personal tragedy and runs off to America. She is forced to become a surrogate mother to an American couple. In the story's climax, the separate experiences of Carla and



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Krupa fully intersects in a single moment of forgiveness and redemption.

The role of Krupa is played by Nivi Singh. The movie is shot in Los Angeles, Texas and India. It is in three languages English, Spanish and Hindi. Directed by Pablo Veliz, the movie has already won the

Special Jury award at Cinefestival, 2011. Nivi's performance was praised and said to be intense and dramatic. The movie is set to release this year.

IE: What made you become an actress?

Nivi: I was interested in theatre from a young age; I saw a play by renowned theatre director Mr.Habib Tanvir and was inspired by the performances. It left a deep impact on me, so much so that I thought of becoming an actress. I performed in several plays during school and got familiar with the craft. It was then I decided to pursue acting.

IE: Like all actresses go through, was there a struggling phase?

Nivi: It's always a great learning experience to come to a new country as a student. I had to first get familiarized with the culture and working style in US. I had to break the stereotype image that people have of India to get diverse roles. I took various acting classes to hone my skills. Driving to numerous auditions in the LA traffic is something I have to do on a daily basis.

IE: Tell us about your work and how did you bag the role.

Nivi: I have played a lead role in the feature film 'Cardboard Dreams' aka 'Cartoneo Nopalitos' which has already won the Special Jury award at Cinefestival, 2011 and is set to release this year. I have done numerous short films such as 'Gandhi and the Muslim kid',

'Thita' and 'Us' to name a few. Apart from the films, I have also appeared in the recent music video of 'Moby'. I have done theatre in India. I performed in a play at University of Southern California (USC). Recently I performed in a play Bring on the dancing girls by Ricci Dedola in Long Beach and the whole experience was exhilarating.

The director came from Texas to Los Angeles to cast the role. I was set to make it to audition. But, unfortunately the infamous Los Angeles traffic derailed my attempt to make the casting call. Pablo was leaving the next day and had already seen a lot of actresses for the role. I convinced him to accept video audition which I recorded later and sent him. I was lucky that Pablo recognized my own genuine immigrant story and casted me as Krupa.

IE: What are the future projects?

Nivi: I am doing a comedy series for the director Kash Sen called 'The Acting Class'. A feature film in Hindi/English is in the works. My movie Cardboard Dreams is set to release this year. Along with that I am also working on a short film which is done in collaboration with directors from Cinema school at USC.

IE: What are your other interests?

Nivi: I like to listen to all kind of music ranging from classical to hip hop. It inspires me and help me to concentrate on my work. I also like to paint and direct short films.

NCCA Wins Inter-League 2012 Cricket Tournament

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Ifthikar Khan, president BACA spoke highly about the NCCA & BACA Inter-League 2012 Tournament and was thankful to NCCA and Sunil's leadership for his spirit of driving cricketing partnership in a cohesive manner with other leagues. He thanked NCCA for being great hosts.

Sunny Sethi while addressing the gathering spoke highly about NCCA and the leadership of Sunil Kumar in promoting cricket in the community.

Anu Natarajan, vice mayor-Fremont braved the chilly and windy weather to address the spectators, players, officials, Board members and executives of NCCA & BACA and their families. She shared with the audience her close connections with cricket including her days of actively playing with Shanta Rangaswamy and Sudha Shah who were prominent women cricketing icon from India, this was well applauded by the audience.

ABOUT NCCA

Established in 1892, Northern California Cricket Association (NCCA) is a cricketing league in the Bay Area with over 500 members forming its core base. NCCA is among the largest leagues in the country. The league today has over 33 teams that participate in a 16 week-league format games every weekend.

It also has a social league that comprises of 9 teams. Many of NCCA players have gone to represent US Cricket team in various game formats. NCCA is managed professionally by a team of 11 Board of Directors and its executive team. For more information on NCCA (including participation in Youth & Women's Cricket Development Program and/or playing for Clubs/Teams in NCCA) or for sponsorship opportunities, write to president@nccalcricket.org



Prumjot-Panesar receiving Reebok Bat for being the Best Batsman of the tournament

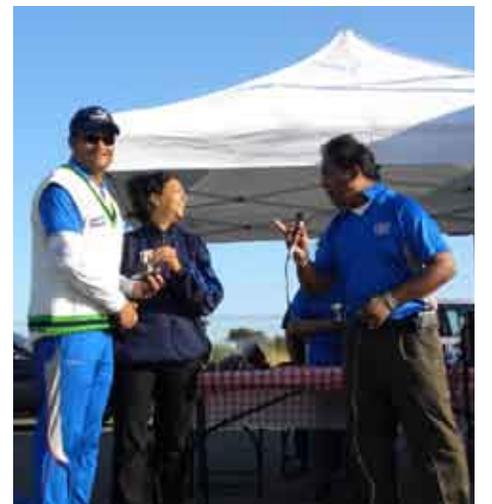


NCCA Best Bowler Imran Khan

Special Awards were given to recognize the contribution of individuals to the development of the game and to the best performers of the tournament.



Alan Weedy of NCCA being honored with Life Time Achievement Award



US National Player Nauman Mustafa

