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## **SHIVANTHA WIJESINHA**

## **TRAINING**

2013-15 Acting N	Master Class – Mimi	Lieher (New York)

2012 Intensive 8 Week Workout, Janis Powell Studios (New York) – Janis Powell

2012 Bob Krakower On Camera Class, One on One Studios (New York) – Bob Krakower

2011 Member of the Pulitzer Prize Play (PPP) Reading Group – founded by Victor Joel Ortiz

2011 Directing the Actor, NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, dir: Mohammad Tavakoli

2010-11 Member of the Company, American Academy of Dramatic Arts (New York)

#### **FILM**

2022	FURIOSA	Welder	Warner Bros
			Dir: George Miller
2019	FUNNY BOY	Jegan	Hamilton/Mehta
			Dir: Deepa Mehta
	MEME	Tommy	4MileCircus

Dir: Sean Mannion
2014 GRANDAD'S PSYCHO Roger BlackHole Films
Dir: Danny Legare
CALLBACK Mr Bin Ladon Zahrickia Films

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Dir: Carles Torras

TOMATO SOUP Professor The Mission Entertainment
Dir: Dominic Blackwell Cooper

## **TELEVISION**

2018	PLACEBO HEART	Raba Mageesh	Order of the 7 <sup>th</sup>
		· ·	Dir: Rodney Ferrer
2015	CITY OF MERCY	Eros	Order of the 7 <sup>th</sup>
			Dir: Rodney Ferrer
2012	MYSTERIES OF THE MUSEUM	Sidi/Hamet	Optomen Productions
	BROWN NATION (Pilot)	Gautam	Infamous Coconuts
			Dir: Abi Varghese
2009	THE LIBRARIANS	Amrit	ABC TV

Dir: Wayne Hope
2008 CARLA CAMETTI P.D. Laughing Man SBS

Dir: Ian Watson

2003 KATH AND KIM Imran ABC TV
Dir: Ted Emery

## **THEATRE**

2021	AS YOU LIKE IT	Duke Frederic/Duke Snr/ Band	Melbourne Theatre Company Dir: Simo Phillips
2019	THE LETTERS	Rajiv	Bridge Street Theatre Dir: John Sowle
2017	BEOWULF (29 Hour Reading)	Unferth	Signature Theatre Dir: Rachel Chavkin
	A MUSLIM IN THE MIDST	Haneef	Jersey Theater Center Dir: Anand Rao
2015	TO BE HONEST	Miguel	Magnet Training Center Dir: Dhenaz Treasury
	MONSOON WEDDING	Vikram/Mohan	Mirabai Films Dir: Mira Nair
2015	PERMISSION TO NARRATE	Ali	Columbia University Dir: Noelle Ghoussaini
	INDIAN INK	Nirad/Anish (understudy)	Roundabout Theater
	I SPY A SPY (29 Hour Reading)	Abdul	Dir: Carey Perloff Playroom Theater
2013	BAD IMPERSONATOR	Man#1	Dir: Jamie Jackson Magnet Theatre

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Dir: Chas Dente

2012 **ABC Showcase** PRELUDE TO 35 Jay

Dir: Ted Slubersky/Joe Ward 2011

**TENNIS IN NABLUS** Rajib/BBC News Reader Stageworks, Hudson Dir: Laura Margolis

REASONS TO BE PRETTY Kent AADA (Company) Dir: Andy Polk

2010 WALL OF WATER Dr. Hollis AADA (Company) Dir: Jonathan Bolt

TROJAN WOMEN **Thalthybius** AADA

Dir: Heather Benton 2007 **ILTROVATORE** Soldier Opera Australia Dir: Elke Neidhardt

**COCONUTS AND CONQUESTS** Monash University 2002 Dil Dir: Sutapa Howlader

**WEBSERIES** 

2025 DISPLACED Michael Rachael Morrow 7 Jem Splitter

Dir: Molly Daniels

Secret Angel Productions 2013 REAL MITCHES OF NEW YORK Jose (Co-Lead) Dir: Ronissha Productions

2011 IS ANYONE LISTENING Gambino Miss Risk Media

Dir: Lindsay Rootare

**MUSIC VIDEO** 

BY THE WINDOW Lead 2014 Dir: Shinvantha Wijesinha Dir: Devinda Fernando **HAPPY** Featured

2006 HAMA GIYA (feat. Asuntha K) Lead Dir: Nayomi Kannangara **JAYASHRI** Cinema Buddhi Productions 2002 Lead

Dir: B Keerthisena

**AUDIOBOOKS** 

2023 CHINAMAN by Shehan Karunatilaka Penguin Random House

2022 THE SEVEN MOONS OF MAALI ALMEIDA by Shean Karunatilaka Bolinda

**AWARDS** 

Green Room Award Nomination - Outstanding Performance in a Mainstage Production - As You Like It 2022

2019 Asians on Film Festival Award Winner - Best Actor - Death Trail

Asians on Film Festival Award Winner - Best Supporting Actor - Last Game 2012

Winter Film Awards – Best Picture – My Little Nut (co-wrote, co-produced, co-directed) 2014

# **MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY**

Core Instruments played: Guitars, Bass, Piano, Clarinet, Drums, Vocals Current Instruments Played Professionally: Guitars, Bass, Piano, Vocals

**Current Roles/ Past Projects & Bands:** 

Vanther (2024–Present): Frontman, Guitarist, Vocalist, and Keyboard Player

Shivantha - Solo Artist (2003-Present)

Shivantha & The Dark Southern (2021–2024): Lead Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist, and Frontman

ME3 (Melbourne, 2007–2009): Lead Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist, and Frontman Flat Earth (Melbourne, 1999–2000): Keyboard Player and Backing Vocalist

Sons of Silence: Lead Vocalist and Frontman (1995)

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### Studio Work & Recordings

**Clarity** (Full Length Album) – Produced and recorded in New York (2016), Performed all guitars (acoustic, rhythm, lead), vocals/backing vocals

**Words From Not Long Ago** (Full Length Album) – Produced and recorded Album recorded at Milk Bar Studios, (2009). Performed all guitars (electric, acoustic, rhythm, lead), bass, piano, vocals/backing vocals

#### **Notable Performances & Achievements**

Fallen Into You" debuted at #5 on Sri Lanka's Most Requested Songs of 2004
Supported Killing Heidi at BMW Edge, Federation Square – Headmasters Championship and Awards (2005)
Performed with Vanessa Amorosi and Deborah Conway (May 2003)
Gigged Solo in London and New York (2004–2005)

## **Classical Training & Education**

**Piano:** Royal Schools of Music (London) Grades 1–5 – *Distinction* **Clarinet:** Royal Schools of Music Practical Grade 1 – *Distinction* **Music Theory:** Royal Schools of Music Grades 1 and 2 – *Distinction* **Acting Conservatory:** American Academy of Dramatic Arts (2009-2011)

## **Early Musical Foundations**

Percussionist, Colombo Philharmonic Orchestra (Sri Lanka, 1996) Choir Soloist, CIS (Sri Lanka, 1994–1996) Choir Soloist, Scotch College (Melbourne, 1996)