

CURRICULUM VITAE of Raja Bhattacharya

PROFESSIONAL BIO

Experience:

- A. As an Actor: trained in Nandikar, Sources Research Performing Arts (School after Jerzy Grotowsky); trained by Rudraprasad Sengupta, Heisnam Kanhailal, Usha Ganguly, Probir Guha, Debsankar Halder, Gautam Halder, Steve Clorfine et al; played more than 500 times in different kind of theatres; worked on screen for award winning film directors like Buddhadeb Dasgupta, Aniruddha Roychowdhury, Satarupa Sanyal, Indranil Roychowdhury et al; Selected from all over West Bengal for Acting Shakespeare, an international workshop on King Lear, conducted by Tim Supple of RSC fame in 2014.
- B. As a Theatre Director: 28 long years of working with children and adults in more than 40 plays. Most of the productions have taken part in different national & international festivals of National School of Drama, and the fests around the country as well. Directed actors like Debsankar Halder, Asit Basu, Sanjeeb Sarkar et al on stage. He was invited to direct plays for National School of Drama (Agartala) and Shishu Kishore Academy (WB); conducted several workshops for children and adults.
- C. As Voice Artist and Audio Director: 5 years' experience as a Voice Artist with Storytel, Audible, Spotify, Juju Station etc. Directed Mahabharat Katha for Spotify, Nala's Damayanti in Bengali for Storytel and so on. Also written songs and directed music for Nala's Damayanti.
- D. As an Author or Columnist: published several times in Anandabazar Patrika, Desh and different theatre periodicals. Recently composed 101 tiny stories which were posted in Facebook, but are destined to get published [namely, VIRUS] with a foreword by Saumitra Chatterjee.
- E. As a Playwright: composed more than 30 plays for both children and adults. Most of them are published in theatre magazines or in collection.
- F. As an Advertising Personnel: more than 13 years in Genesis, Inner Circle & Good Image Advertising. Handled successfully the accounts of Times of India, Sangbad Pratidin, Sreeleathers, Bengal Shelter, Tata Steel, Anandabazar Patrika, Narayana Hridayalaya, Govt. of West Bengal and so on.
- G. As Illustrator & Designer: more than 20 years – Posters for Theatres, Book Covers, Pamphlets, Illustrations, Brochures, Calligraphy, Logo Designing etc.

Awards:

- A. Shyamal Sen Smriti Samman by Swapna Sandhani in 2011
- B. Bratya Samman in 2017
- C. Sangbad Pratidin Srijan Samman in 2010

EDUCATIONAL BIO:

- A. Passed B.A. (3 Years Hons.) in English from the University of Calcutta in 1998.
- B. Awarded for the Scholarship to the Young Artistes [2000-02] and also the Junior Fellowship [2010-12] in the field of Theatre by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

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Currently involved in:

- A. Acting And Directing in Theatre, Screen, OTT etc.
- B. A for Acting: an online/offline acting training course for adults.
- C. Writing content for OTT platforms
- D. Illustrating for books
- E. Writing films
- F. Writing short films/short stories/columns/features/poetry
- G. Voicing Over
- H. Writing TVC and Advertising Jingles

PERSONAL BIO

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References: Pabitra Sarkar, Samik Banerjee, Rudraprasad Sengupta, A. L. Khatana, Hiran Mitra, Chandril Bhattacharya, Indranil Roychowdhury, Satarupa Sanyal, Kaushik Sen, Debsankar Haldar, Rangan Chakravarty et al.



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