



# Neha Lalani

## DIGITAL CREATOR & STORYTELLER

Filmmaker, storyteller, and full-time ideas person. I create emotionally-driven work across drama, experimental, and avant-garde forms—spanning film, audio, and visual media. Always DIY-minded, always levelling up. Big on craft, collaboration, and doing the most with what you've got.

I CONVERSE IN: English, Urdu

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## Education

### CAMBRIDGE INTL. SCHOOL, DUBAI

#### 2004 - 2018 | CIE A Level

- Head of PR, creator & chief editor of 'The Quill'!
- Photography & Videography for school events.
- Graduated with 'Distinction' in BTEC Media Studies, 3 years in a row.

### MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY DUBAI

#### 2018-2021 | BA Honours Film

- Social media content for the marketing dept.
- Graduated with 'First Class Honours'.

### SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

#### 2024-2027 | MFA Cinema

- (Current endeavor!)

## Full-Time Experience

2020

### NAMSHI - VIDEOGRAPHY INTERN

- Animation for the annual 'NYE Video' projected on Burj Khalifa
- Teasers for the 'FRWD Sportswear' launch, and Black November campaigns.
- PA, Videographer on shoots + Editing.

2021 - 2024

### INFORMA CONNECT - DIGITAL EXPERIENCE ASSOCIATE

- Digital Events mgmt. (livestreams, webinars) - Innovated new process.
- Conference and online platform mgmt.
- Social content, highlight reels for in-house brand, "FastForums".
- Interviews, collaboration with 'Streamly'!

## Tech Proficiency

Adobe Photoshop	-----	Advanced
Adobe Premiere Pro	-----	Advanced
Adobe After Effects	-----	Intermediate
Adobe Audition	-----	Advanced
Adobe InDesign	-----	Beginner
DaVinci Resolve	-----	Advanced
Ableton Live	-----	Intermediate
OBS Studio	-----	Advanced

## Special Skills

- Highly Organized, 'Project Manager'
- Problem-solver and Team-worker
- Singing, Songwriting Piano, Guitar
- DIY projects, Arts & Crafts
- Makeup (especially, the SFX kind!)

## Notable Works

*Click titles to view*

### THIS IS NEHA LALANI - CONTENT REEL

Content reel, showcasing a variety of my work in all creative aspects.

### REDACTED: PRISONERS OF FREEDOM

Short Documentary

Director, Editor, DOP (Solo Project)

### 'PRIVILEGE' BY THE WEEKND

Music Video

Director

### SMILE DOG

Short Film - Adaptation

Editor, Screenplay, Script Supervisor, Prod. Designer

### 'OVERTHINKING' BY ANTON IMMANUEL

Music Video

Cinematography, Lighting (Freelance)

### FOUND FOOTAGE

Horror Short Film

(A solo, side project)

## SWAN SONG (2021)

written & directed by Neha Lalani

3rd year BA Film thesis project  
- A 10-minute short film



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Graphic  
Portfolio



## Awards & Accolades

- 'BTEC Media Studies Award', three years in a row (Yrs 11-13, 2016-2018)
- Received the 'Outstanding Student of MDX Studios Award' (2021).
- 'MDX Studios Audience Choice Award' for Swan Song, dir. Neha Lalani (2022).
- Received 'Roy Ramsing Memorial Scholarship in Cinema' (Spring 2025).

## Freelance

- 2019 **SHOOTING STARS - FREELANCE**
  - Corporate video for Universal Studios Summit. (Videography, Editing).
  - Event coverage for Warner Bros. Summit. (Videography, Photography).
- 2019 **GINGER CAT FILMS DUBAI - P.A.**
  - For season 2 of 'The Cookbook' (Zee Network) - Scriptwriter, Script Supervisor.
- 2019 **'STATIONARY BIKE' - SECOND A.D.**
  - Student feature film, winner of Stephen King's 'The Dollar Baby Program'.
- 2022 **'LIFE IN BOXES' - PRE PROD. ASST.**
  - Assisted with script, concepts and proof-reading (dir. Shazia Ali Khan)
- 2024 **'ANATOMY OF A PANIC ATTACK' - PROD. DESIGN**
  - Experimental docu. (dir. AJ Meininger)
- 2025 **'GIRLS OWN THE VOID' - ART DIR., COMPOSER**
  - SFSU MFA thesis short (dir. Kamia Gutierrez)
- 2025 **'WE WERE SHIPS THAT PASSED' - P.A.**
  - NYU Tisch MFA short film, Drama/Indie (dir. Mahum Jamal)
- 2025 **'AUNTIE SEWING SQUAD' - VFX ASST.**
  - Documentary (dir. Valerie Soe)