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KANAVU

AFI CONSERVATORY presents KANAVU Starring Anika Kokatay Mita Vyas Sharayu Mahale
Music by Ashwin Subramaniam Edited by Jessica Petersen Production Design by Rachel Johnson
Cinematography by S. Lakmé Iyengar Produced by Venk Potula Nagee Brown
Written by S. Lakmé Iyengar Directed by Duran Jones

Logline

An Indian American teenage girl discovers a newfound appreciation for her Indian culture with help from her deceased grandmother.



Director's Statement

As an African-American, I was forced to carry the burden of "the hyphen" as the prefix to my nationality. Never would I be capable of being seen as just "American." As I matured, I had to learn to navigate both sides of the hyphen. The side of me that was too African to be considered American and the side too American to be considered African. A black man, born with an identity crisis.

Vidya's story is my story. A slightly rebellious teen who refuses to connect with their heritage for fear of becoming 'othered.' However, our unique identity is what makes us human, and our ancestors make that identity inseparable from who we are. Their dreams (KANAVU) are realized in our identity and that lesson is passed down through generations. Coming before us and existing after us.





Cast



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Story

S. Lakmé Iyengar

1st Assistant Director

Seth Macmillan

Production Assistant

Leah Kirksey

Art Director

Janhavi Naik

Assistant Art Director

Eimi Thompson

Carpenter

Ryan Michael Brown

Set Dressers

Eric Hamidi
Brandon Santos

Key Grip

Bryce Holden

Music

AKS

Painters

Megan Gonzalez
Eric Hamidi
Rachel Miu
John Lanternier
Robin Wes Parker
Brandon Santos
Alejandra Vera
Sophia Youssef

Hair & Makeup

Lauren Verret

Costume

Smita Shete

Jewelry

Sepideh Bidmeshki

Best Boy Grip

Akanksha Shyam

Vocals

AKS & Lakshmi

1st Assistant Camera

Yuk Hong Law

Loader

Elisa Souza

2nd Assistant Camera

Andrew Cordero

Stills Photographer

Jor-El Vaasborg

Gaffer

Dawit Adera

Best Boy Electric

Cesar Flores

Electrician

Rayana Rasamee

Electrician/ Swing

Joshua Garcia

Dolly Grip

Kyle Baughman

Health & Safety Mgr.

Tiziano D'Affuso