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MINI STUDIO & ANURAG KASHYAP
PRESENTS
NIVIN PAULY IN

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WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
GEETU MOHANDAS

LOGLINE

The search for Akbar brings his younger sibling, Mulla from Lakshadweep island to the decadent underbelly of Mumbai.

SYNOPSIS

Tired of his mundane existence in the Lakshwadeep islands, fourteen- year - old Mulla sets out in search of his enigmatic long - lost elder brother who was known to heal people through his magical Kuthuratheeb performances. Mulla's relentless search urges him to take a boat and cross turbulent waters to get to Mumbai. An unsparing yet inspiring vision of the down trodden decadent city through the story of two small town siblings, each with their own reason for escaping to the big city, in this urgent drama pondering gender, sexuality, violence and tolerance.



PROJECT FACTS

- Title - Moothon
- Genre - Magical Realism, Adventure
- Language - Malayalam, Hindi
- Duration - 110 min
- Format - Colour, 4k
- Producer - Anurag Kashyap, Vinod Kumar, Alan McAlex & Ajay G. Rai
- Writer and Director - Geetu Mohandas
- Director of Photography - Rajeev Ravi
- Production Designer - Abid T. P.
- Sound Designer - Kunal Sharma
- Editors - Ajithkumar B. & Kiran Das
- Original Score - Sagar Desai
- Costume Designer - Maxima Basu
- Make Up - Vikram Gaikwad & Saji Koratty
- Action Director - Sunil Rodrigues & Dinesh Subbarayan

THE SCRIPT

Drishyam - Sundance Institute Screenwriters Lab 2015

Winner of Sundance Global Filmmaking Award 2016

CREATIVE MENTORS

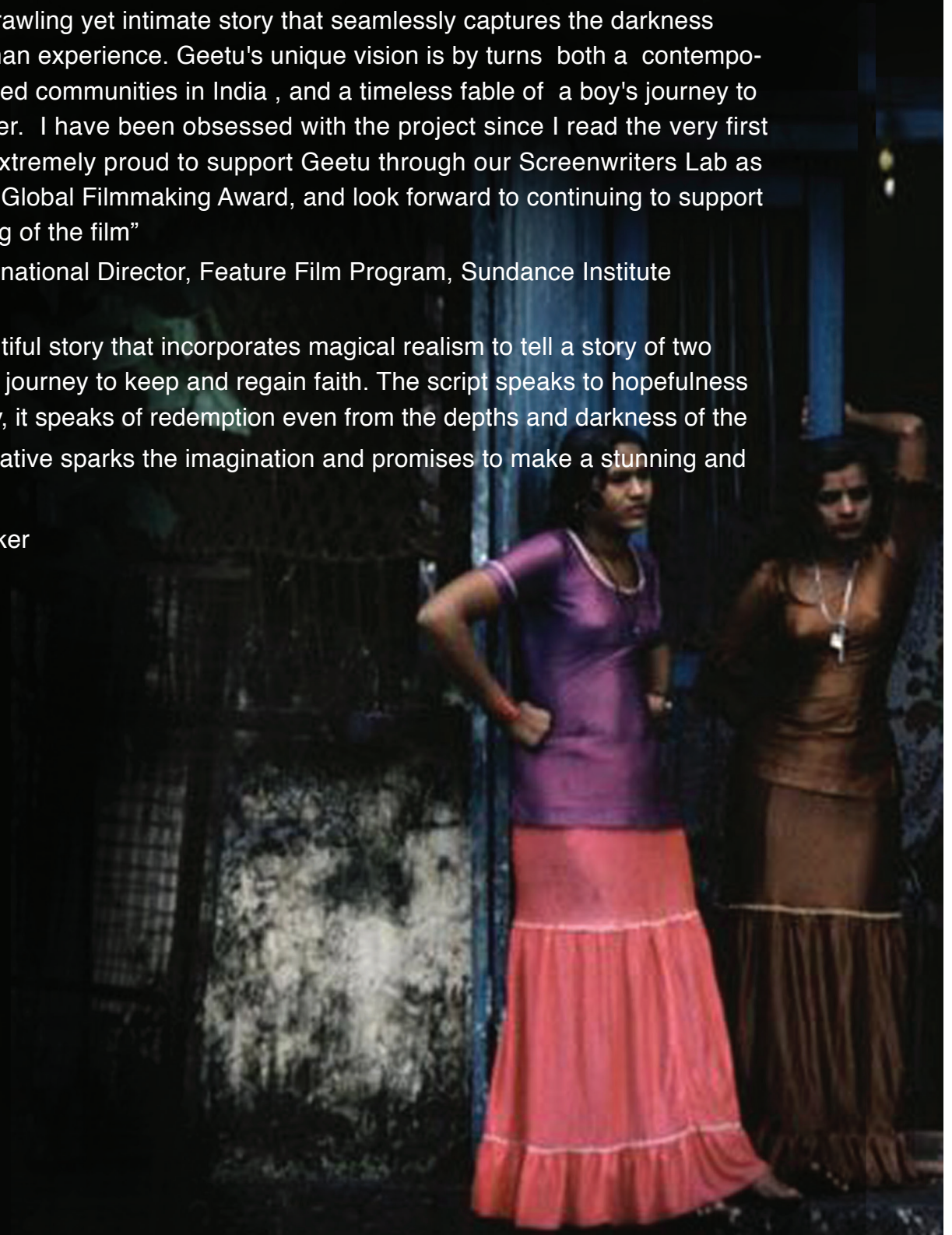
Paul Federbush (International Director, Feature Film Program, Sundance Institute),
Srdan Golubovic (Director, Circles),
Erik Jendresen (Co-creator, Band of Brothers),
Rose Troche (Director & Writer, The Safety of Objects, The L Word),
Kasi Lemmons (Director, Eve's Bayou, Talk to Me).

“MOOTHON is the sprawling yet intimate story that seamlessly captures the darkness and beauty in the human experience. Geetu's unique vision is by turns both a contemporary look at marginalised communities in India , and a timeless fable of a boy's journey to find his missing brother. I have been obsessed with the project since I read the very first treatment. We were extremely proud to support Geetu through our Screenwriters Lab as well as our Sundance Global Filmmaking Award, and look forward to continuing to support her through the making of the film”

Paul Federbush, International Director, Feature Film Program, Sundance Institute

“MOOTHON is a beautiful story that incorporates magical realism to tell a story of two brothers who are on a journey to keep and regain faith. The script speaks to hopefulness in the face of adversity, it speaks of redemption even from the depths and darkness of the human spirit. The narrative sparks the imagination and promises to make a stunning and deeply moving film.”

Rose Troche, Filmmaker



DIRECTOR & WRITER

GEETU MOHANDAS

Geetu Mohandas formed her film production house - Unplugged in 2009 which produced her directorial debut short fiction film titled *ARE YOU LISTENING?*

The film premiered at the International Film Festival Rotterdam and subsequently won 3 International awards for Best Short fiction as well as the National Film Award in India. Her first feature film *LIAR'S DICE* received the Hubert Bals fund for script and project development and the film was selected in Competition for the world dramatic competition at Sundance in 2014. Liar's dice went on to win 6 major international awards across the world and 2 National awards in India. It was also India's official entry for the Best Foreign Film category for the 87th Academy Awards. Her second feature, *MOOTHON* is mentored by the Sundance film lab and Geetu also won the Global film maker award in 2016 at Sundance. Moothon is having its World premiere at Toronto International film festival in 2019 and has been selected as the opening film at MAMI 2019.



PRODUCERS

ANURAG KASHYAP

Anurag Kashyap is an Indian film director, writer, editor, producer and actor known for his works in Hindi cinema. He is the recipient of several accolades, including a National Film Award, and four Filmfare Awards. For his contributions to film, the Government of France awarded him the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and letters) in 2013.

VINOD KUMAR

Vinod Kumar is the director of Wunderbar Films Pvt Ltd and Proprietor of Mini Studio which has produced and distributed several successful mainstream ventures in South India.

ALAN MCALEX & AJAY G. RAI (JAR Pictures)

Two dynamic film production professionals with a wide body of experience ranging from independent cinema, to non-mainstream art house films to commercially successful Bollywood hits between them, Ajay G. Rai and Alan McAlex, came together to form Jar Pictures. The company produced "Liar's Dice" (Sundance 2014), that played in various festivals, winning numerous awards and followed by India's official submission for the 2015 Academy awards. They also produced "Killa", that was selected at Berlinale 2014, winning the Crystal Bear as well as the Special Mention. Their latest feature "The New Classmate", was lauded at the BFI London film festival 2015 and had a very successful theatrical run.



CAST

NIVIN PAULY

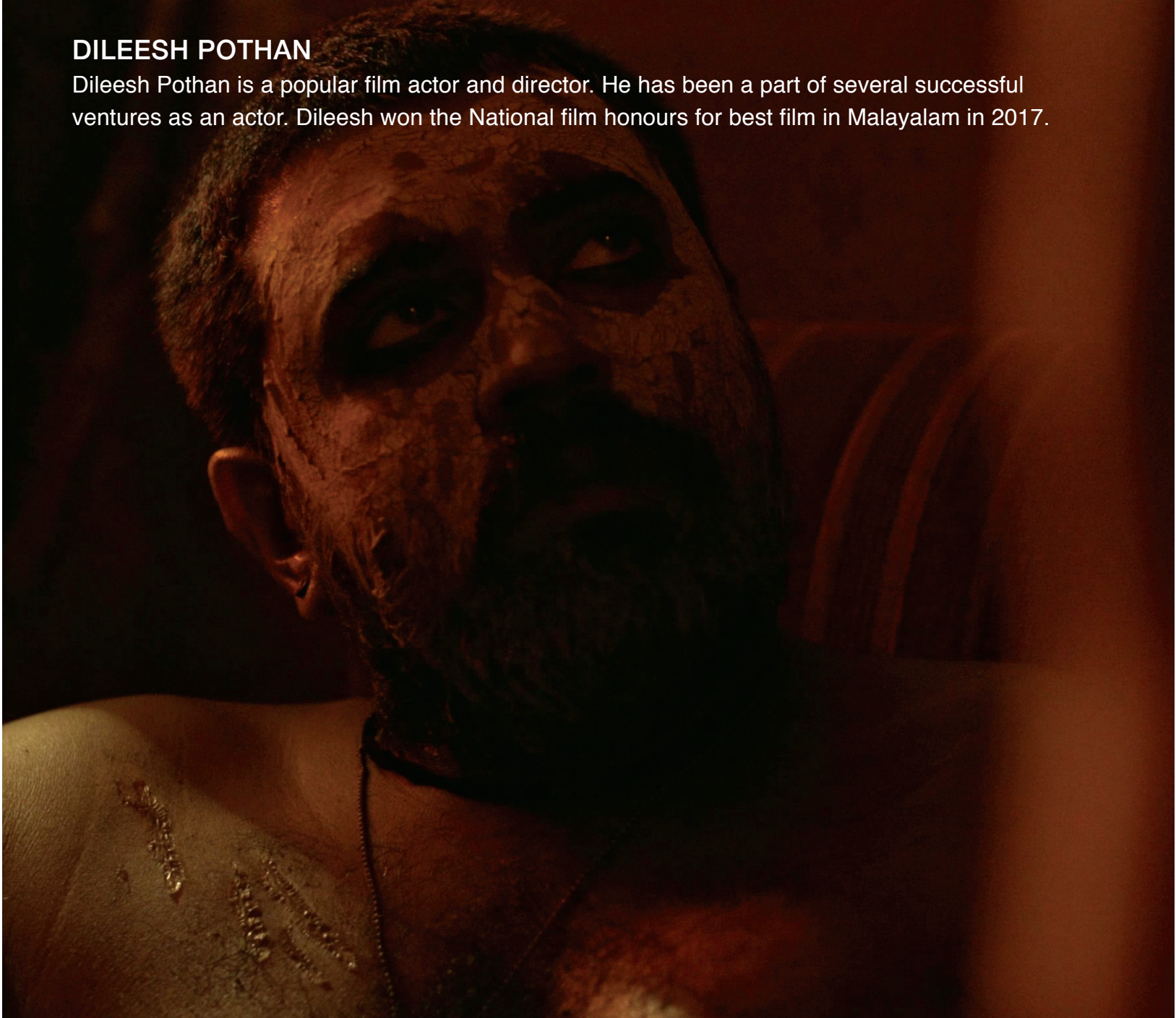
Nivin Pauly is a very popular Indian actor and producer. He made his acting debut in 2010 and went on to be a part of several block busters in Malayalam and is one of the sought after superstars in South India. He won the Kerala state honours for best actor in a leading role in 2014.

SHASHANK ARORA

Shashank Arora is an Indian Actor, writer and musician. He is known for his roles in Titli, Brahman Naman and Made in Heaven. His films have premiered and competed at festivals around the world including Cannes, Sundance, Locarno, Berlin, Toronto, and Venice.

DILEESH POTHAN

Dileesh Pothan is a popular film actor and director. He has been a part of several successful ventures as an actor. Dileesh won the National film honours for best film in Malayalam in 2017.



SOBHITA DHULIPALA

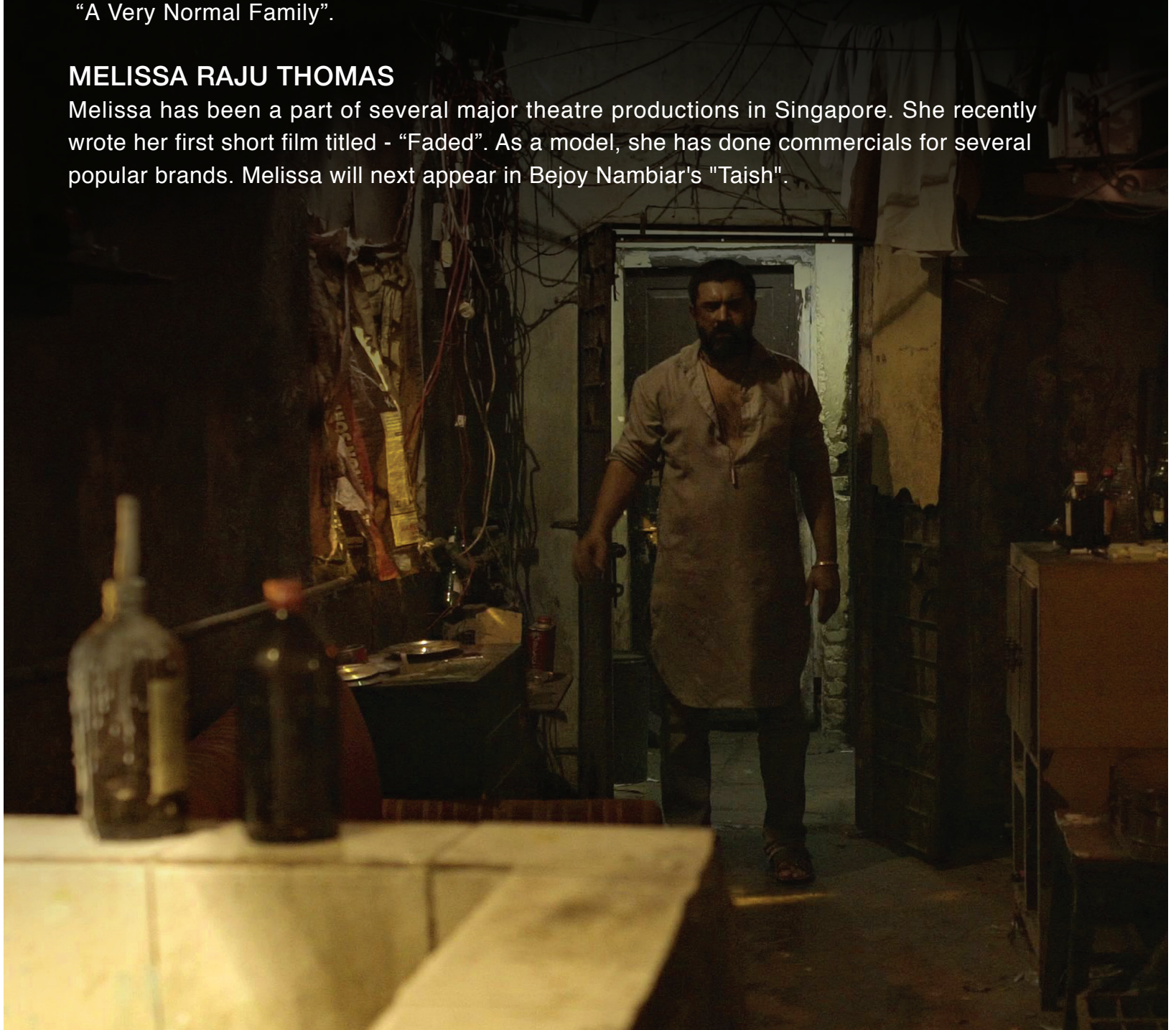
Sobhita Dhulipala is an Indian film actor and classical dancer who made her debut with Anurag Kashyap's Raman Raghav 2.0 that premiered at Directors fortnight, Cannes film festival 2016. She earned nominations at critics' choice for best supporting performance in Cannes and best debut in Indian award shows. Subsequently, she has front-lined experimental, layered films like Kaalakaandi, Goodachari (Telugu) and Amazon Prime's widely celebrated Made in Heaven and Netflix's Bard of Blood.

ROSHAN MATHEW

Roshan Mathew is a popular film and stage actor, best known for his work in Malayalam films. He is currently working on Anurag Kashyap's next, titled "Choked". Roshan has appeared in numerous theatre productions and has recently directed his first play, "A Very Normal Family".

MELISSA RAJU THOMAS

Melissa has been a part of several major theatre productions in Singapore. She recently wrote her first short film titled - "Faded". As a model, she has done commercials for several popular brands. Melissa will next appear in Bejoy Nambiar's "Taish".



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