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Anita Majumdar

A native of Port Moody, British Columbia, award-winning actress Anita Majumdar has performed in leading roles from the Stratford Shakespeare Festival to the Museum Theatre in Chennai, India, and was recently feted for her performance in Deepa Mehta (GGPAA 2012)'s film adaptation of Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*. She is also a classically trained Indian dancer in Kathak, Bharatanatyam and Odissi.

However, she is most deeply committed to playwriting. Her first play, *Fish Eyes*, produced by Toronto's Theatre Passe Muraille, was nominated for a Dora Mavor Moore Award, has toured extensively across Canada and abroad, and has been included in the theatre curriculum at Queen's University, the University of Guelph and the University of Alberta. Her second play, *The Misfit*, was nominated for two Doras.

In 2011 Ms. Majumdar was appointed playwright in residence at Nightswimming Theatre (Toronto), where she wrote her most ambitious project to date, *Same Same But Different*, which will premiere at Alberta Theatre Projects and Theatre Passe Muraille in 2014. She is also working with Nightswimming to complete the trilogy of one-woman shows she began with *Fish Eyes*, expressing the experience of teenagers of colour through dance. She worked on the second play, *Boys With Cars*, at The Banff Centre earlier this year, and is currently completing the last play in the series, *Let Me Borrow That Top*.

Ms. Majumdar is a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada and holds a degree in English, Theatre and South Asian Languages from the University of British Columbia.

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