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BACKGROUND

Nainita is a **BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT** and has scored countless bespoke TV series and film scores for all the major broadcasters from the BBC to HBO to ITV and C4. She is a **Music+Sound Award 2016** winner for Best Feature Film Score, **GOPO Romania Film Awards Nominee 2019** for Best Film Score, **RTS West Award 2019** Nominee for BBC series **Extraordinary Rituals**.

Nainita's recent 2018/19 feature releases include **Untamed Romania**, the most successful Romanian non-fiction film in 2018 that World Premiered at Transylvania Film Festival, WW2 thriller **Enemy Within**, BFI psychological horror **Darkness Visible** (Dir: Neil Biswas, co-creator of Sky 1 Lucky Man), **The Life After** (BBC / Screen Ireland) World Premiere at Galway Intl Film Festival 2018 and **For Sama** (C4/PBS), dir by **Emmy award winners** Ed Watts and Waad Al-Kateeb which has to date won top prizes including **Best Documentary at SXSW, HOTDOCS, Cannes Film Festival** and will be released July 26th in the US.

Her current 2019 projects include feature film **The Reason I Jump** (BFI | Met Films) dir by award winner Jerry Rothwell, and **Interactive movie / video game Telling Lies** for **Annapurna Interactive (Phantom Thread, Destroyer)** directed by multi-Bafta winning Sam Barlow

Also known for her work on TV dramas including Emmy winner **Maxwell** (BBC) and the factual drama **To Kidnap A Princess** (ITV), films include **The Confessions of Thomas Quick** (BFI/Film4), **Bafta, Grierson and RTS 2018 Nominees: Raped-My Story** and **Catching A Killer** (C4), **Extraordinary Rituals** the BBC NHU follow up to the multi Bafta winning series Human Planet and the title theme for the prestigious **BBC Royal Wedding Meghan and Harry**.

Working in a wide range of musical genres, Nainita moves seamlessly between working with orchestras including the **London Contemporary Orchestra** (Phantom Thread, There Will Be Blood) and the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales**, to ethnic influenced music utilising her collection of custom made instruments from around the world, incorporating electronics, found sound and experimental sound design as well as song-writing which has led to collaborations with artists including **Eivor (The Last Kingdom)** and writing documentary musicals for the BBC including the acclaimed **Mumbai High – The Musical**.

Nainita's musical foundations are rooted in world music and documentary where she has forged an enviable reputation, working with leading film makers on numerous projects that have garnered **OSCAR, BAFTA, EMMY, CANNES** awards and nominations, proving time and again that she is extremely versatile, able to adapt to the demands of any project embracing every score with a unique creative approach where required.

As a sound designer, Nainita's career began on feature films for **Bertolluci (Little Buddha)** and **Werner Herzog (Lessons of Darkness)** including **Backbeat** (Dir: Ian Softley), **Lessons of Darkness** (Dir: Werner Herzog), **August** (Dir: Anthony Hopkins), and **Hackers** (Angelina Jolie).

Nainita obtained degrees in Mathematics before attending the NFTS specializing in sound design. She was born and brought up in London to Indian parents and her eclectic musical upbringing as a child led her to studying the sitar, piano, guitar, tabla, singing and violin. Her passion for music technology led to her working as a freelance music engineer working with many top artistes and bands ranging from **The Damned** to **Tori Amos**. which led to work with **Peter Gabriel** during the legendary **Real World Recording Week** sessions, working with over 70 of the top World Music artistes including **Papa Wemba, Billy Cobham, Daniel Lanois, Jane Sibbery, Nigel Kennedy, Sinead O'Connor, Ravi Shankar** and **Peter Gabriel**.

MUSIC AWARDS + NOMINATIONS

BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH BRIT 2016-17

GOPO Romanian Film Awards Nominee 2019

NOMINEE: BEST FILM SCORE: Untamed Romania

RTS WEST AWARDS 2019

NOMINEE: BEST TV SCORE: Extraordinary Rituals

ASIAN WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2019

NOMINEE: ARTS+CULTURE AWARD

ASIAN ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2017

CONTRIBUTION TO ARTS+CULTURE

MUSIC + SOUND AWARD UK 2016:

WINNER: BEST ORIGINAL FEATURE FILM SCORE: The Confessions of Thomas Quick

WOMEN IN SYNC AWARDS, NYC, USA 2016:

WINNER: BEST MUSIC IN A FEATURE FILM: The Confessions of Thomas Quick

RTS TELEVISION CRAFT AWARDS 2014:

NOMINEE: RTS BEST ORIGINAL MUSIC: The Day Kennedy Died

TMT NEWS MEDIA AWARDS 2016:

WINNER: BEST MEDIA MUSIC COMPOSER – EUROPE

RTS SCOTLAND AWARDS 2014:

WINNER: BEST SOUND: Vinnie Jones: Russia's Toughest 5x60min NAT GEO

FILM+TV CREDITS

2019 PROJECTS : FEATURES + DRAMA

Feature: THE REASON I JUMP Dir: Jerry Rothwell Prod: Al Morrow Met Films | BFI | Vulcan
TELLING LIES (Narrative Video Game / Film) Annapurna Interactive (What Became of Edith Finch, Phantom Thread)
Dir: Sam Barlow (Bafta winning director | designer)
Score performed by LCO London Contemporary Orchestra
THE MODERATORS drama pilot Dir: Nour Wazzi
FOR SAMA Dir: Ed Watts | Waad Al-Kateab (Emmy Award Winner) C4 | PBS
SXSW | HotDocs | Cannes Film Festival | Sheffield DocFest Prizes
DARKNESS VISIBLE Dir: Neil Biswas (Sky 'Lucky Man') BFI | Protagonist | Psychological Horror
ENEMY WITHIN Dir: Gabriel Robertson Prod: Ken Petrie | WW2 drama

2019 PROJECTS: DOCUMENTARY

FIERCE QUEENS BBC NHU series
BILLIONAIRES (w/t) Minnow Films | Netflix
MY GRANDPARENTS WAR 4x60min C4 Wild Pictures Series Dir: Leo Burley
RACIAL BIAS (w/t) 2x60min C4 Proper Content Series Prod: Jackie Waldock
RESCUED 6x60min Arrow Media | Discovery
WALKING WITH GIANTS with Levison Wood 3x60min October Films SP: Alexis Girardet
LITTLE BRITONS 3x60min Series Titles 9Lives Media SP: Colin Stone
THE 1900 ISLAND BBC2 4x60min Wildflame TV SP: Alexis Girardet
THREE DAYS C4 1x60min Sugar Film | Chris Durlacher
WILDLIFE SOS 6x60min Double Act TV | Nat Geo Wild
BODYCAM SQUAD 10x60min Raw Cut TV Series 2 New Titles
H-TOWN 6x30min BBC1 | 7 Wonder Series Prod: Catey Sexton
EQUATOR FROM THE AIR BBC2 | 4x60min Dragonfly TV | Exec: Richard Bond | Ruth Shurman
DAVID JASON: Planes, Trains and Automobiles UKTV | 5x60min SP: Chris Malone
TRAVELLING BLIND 1x60min BBC2 | Spun Gold Dir: Will Lorimer
THE DAY WE WALKED ON THE MOON ITV | Smithsonian 1x60min Finestripe Prods Dir: John Moulson
LEGENDS OF THE DEEP 4x60min Discovery | Cineflix Media
MY FAMILY, THE HOLOCAUST AND ME 2x60min Wall To Wall | BBC2 SP: David Vincent

2018 PROJECTS

Live Event:

The Royal Wedding: Meghan and Harry BBC Broadcast (performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales)

Features+Drama 2018:

UNTAMED ROMANIA	Dir: Tom Barton-Humphries Off The Fence European Nature Trust Score performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales
THE LIFE AFTER ANEMONE	Dir: Brian Hill (Bafta Winner) BBC Irish Film Board Century Films
CURFEW	Dir: Amrou Al-Kadhi Prod: Savannah James-Bayley BBC Films Film London
LAB RAT	EON Productions NFTS Dir: Oz Arshad (Starring: Karl Davies)
EXIT EVE	Dir: Nour Wazzi Panacea Productions Sci-Fi Thriller
SLEEPER	Dir: Charlie Parham Prod: Helen Simmons Exec Prod: Camille Gatin BBC BBC Films 6min animation (Music and Sound Design)

Documentary 2018:

EXTRAORDINARY RITUALS	BBC NHU 3x60min Landmark Series SP: Tuppence Stone
THE DEFENDERS UK	15x45min BBC1 Tomos TV
AM I A MURDERER	1x60min ITV Raw Cut TV
MY ASIAN FAMILY – THE MUSICAL	BBC Documentary Musical Dir: Brian Hill Century Films
EARTH'S NATURAL WONDERS	BBC1 3x60min Landmark Series SP: Jobim Sampson BBC Scotland
EXPOSURE: Police Abuse	ITV Raw Cut TV 1x60min Dir: Tom Randall
CATCHING A KILLER: A Knock At the Door	1x80min C4 True Vision Exec: Brian Woods BAFTA RTS Nominee
SEARCHING FOR MUM	2x60min BBC2 Raw TV Series Producer: Will Lorimer Exec: Liesel Evans
MY DAD, THE PEACE DEAL and ME	1x60min BBC1 Dragonfly TV Dir: Leo Burley Exec: Richard Bond
JAPAN'S SECRET SHAME	1x60min BBC2 True Vision Dir: Erica Jenkin Exec: Brian Woods
THE LOST KINGDOM OF THE YETI	1x120 Discovery Special Icon Films Dir: James Mair
TREVOR McDONALD: RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA	1x60min ITV Shiver

2017 PROJECTS:

CATCHING A KILLER: WIND IN THE WILLOWS	1x80 C4 True Vision BAFTA RTS Broadcast Award Nominee Series
RAPED: MY STORY	1x90min Lambent Prodn Dir: Catey Sexton BAFTA +RTS Nom
MY FAMILY, PARTITION and ME	2x60min BBC1 Wall To Wall BAFTA + RTS NOMINEE
HUNTING THE KGB KILLERS Feature Doc	1x90min C4 True Vision EP: Alex Holmes Brian Woods
DIANA: THE DAY BRITAIN CRIED	1x60min ITV Finestripe Dir: Leslie Woodhead
INSIDE THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE	3x60min ITV Mentorn Media
TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME Series 2	3x60min BBC NHU Exec Prod: Ted Oakes
FROM HERE TO TIMBUKTU	2x60min BBC2 Tern TV
THE GANGES WITH SUE PERKINS	3x60min BBC1 Folk Films
EXTREME WIVES WITH KATE HUMBLE	3x60min BBC2 Folk Films
DOWN THE MIGHTY RIVER WITH STEVE BACKSHALL	2x60min BBC2 BBC Science
THE DETECTIVES: INSIDE THE MAJOR CRIMES TEAM	3x60min ITV Raw Cut TV
CHILD IN MIND	1x60min BBC2 Dir: Sam Benstead Century Films

2016 PROJECTS:

LOST IN LEBANON	1x90min Feature Doc 1x90min
AFRICA RIVERS WILD – Flagship Natural History	7x60min Animal Planet Warehouse 51 Exec: Jonny Young
THE BIG FOOD RESCUE	5x45min BBC1 Daytime
BRITAIN AT LOW TIDE S1	3x60min C4 Tern TV
UNDERCOVER COPS	16x60min UKTV Raw Cut
AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES	4x60min Smithsonian Finestripe
B IS FOR BOOK	1x60min Century Films BBC4 Dir: Sam Benstead
INTO THE WILD with Gordon Buchanan	5x60min BBC2 Hello-Halo
TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME Series 1	3x60min BBC NHU Exec Prod: Ted Oakes
ICE TOWN: LIVING ON THE EDGE	10x60min BBC Earth Exec: Wendy Rattray
BURMAS SECRET JUNGLE WAR with JOE SIMPSON	2x60min BBC Arrow Media SP: Alexis Girardet
THE MURDER OF SADIE HARTLEY	1x90min Special ITV Raw Cut TV RTS WINNER Broadcast Nom
LIFE AGAINST ALL ODDS	1x60min SVT Natural History

2015 PROJECTS:

MUMBAI HIGH – THE MUSICAL	1x80min BBC Century Films Dir: Brian Hill
THE DAY THEY DROPPED THE BOMB	1x60min ITV Smithsonian
THE DAY HITLER DIED	1x60min ITV Smithsonian
HER STORY	4x60min BBC News Films of Record JW Thompson

CAMERA MAN TO THE QUEEN	1x60min ITV Shiver
MILLION DOLLAR PRINCESS S2	3x60min Smithsonian Finestripe
BRITAINS BIGGEST ADVENTURES WITH BEAR GRYLLS	3x60min ITV Nutopia SP: Dale Templar
LIVING WITH NOMADS with Kate Humble	3x60min BBC2 Indus Films
SUPERCAR SALESMEN	1x60min Off The Fence C4
KOLKATA WITH SUE PERKINS	1x60min BBC1
GLOBE TREKKER – DELHI+RAJASTHAN	1x60min Discovery Pilot
VALLEY OF DEATH (AFGHANISTAN)	1x60min BBC Off Centre Prod
RISE OF THE KILLER AIDS	1x60min Smithsonian

2014 PROJECTS:

TREASURES OF THE INDUS	3x60min BBC4 Tern TV
MILLION DOLLAR PRINCESSES S1	3x60min Finestripe Smithsonian
DINOSAUR BRITAIN	2x60min ITV Maverick
HUNTERS OF THE SOUTH SEAS	3x60min BBC2 Indus Exec: Jamie Balment
THE SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL WITH JOHN BARROWMAN	15x30min C4 Tern TV
THE MEKONG WITH SUE PERKINS	4 x 60min BBC2 Indus
XTREME ENDURANCE: RACE TO THE POLE	4x60min C5 Zig Zag Prods SP: Dale Templar
GLOBE TREKKER-DELHI & RAJASTHAN	1x60min Discovery / Pilot
THE DAY THEY DROPPED THE BOMB	1x84min ITV Smithsonian Dir: Leslie Woodhead
EXECUTED (50th Anniversary of the death penalty)	1x60min ITV Shiver
MOLLY	1x20min Drama Dissident Films
WALLANDER & BORGEN TRAILERS	Season 3 Official UK Trailer
SHARK ALLEY	1x60min Aquavision / Nat Geo

2013 PROJECTS:

STREET PATROL UK Series 1+2	10x45min Leopard Films BBC1
ANIMAL HEROES	3x60min ITV Twenty Twenty
THE PEOPLE'S MEDAL	1x60min Event Special Wall To Wall ITV1
VINNIE JONES: RUSSIA'S TOUGHEST	6x60min Nat Geo Tern TV
ROBBED RAIDED REUNITED Series 1+2	20 x 30min Leopard Films BBC1
NEIGHBOURHOOD BLUES 7 series	10 x 45 min BBC1 Daytime
POLICE INTERCEPTORS	9 series C5 Raw Cut TV
MY BAGGY BODY	1x60min C4 Blakeway North
TO LIGHT A CANDLE	1x60min Off-Centre Productions
KENNEDY'S SUICIDE BOMBER	1x60min Smithsonian
HIGH AND DRY with James Cracknell & Ben Fogle	2x60min BBC2 Indus Exec: Lucy Carter
WHO WERE THE GREEKS	2x60min BBC2 Tern TV Exec: Harry Bell
ANCIENT GREECE: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH	3x60min BBC4 Tern TV Exec: Harry Bell
WILD SHEPHERDESS with Kate Humble	3x60min BBC2 Indus Films
BEING POIROT with David Suchet	1x60min ITV Shiver
CORAL OF THE RED SEA- natural history	1x60min SVT Sweden
THE KIDS WITH NO MEMORY	1x60min C5 OR Media

FEATURE FILMS / DRAMA:

MOLLY	Dir: Greg Karpinski (Music)
CHECKPOST	Dir: Aneel Ahmed Films (Music)
LITTLE BUDDHA	Dir: Bernardo Bertolucci Prod: Jeremy Thomas (Sound Design)
BACKBEAT	Dir: Ian Softley Prod: Scala Productions (Sound Design)
AUGUST	Dir & Starring: Anthony Hopkins ITV Films (Sound Design)
INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE	Dir : Neil Jordan Scala Productions (Sound Design)
HACKERS	Dir: Ian Softley Starring; Angelina Jolie (Sound Design)
DEATH MACHINE	Dir: Steve Norrington Prod: Fugitive Features (Sound Design)
FATHERLAND	Dir: Chris Menaul Starring: Rutger Hauer HBO (Sound Design)
GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Robert de Niro Gwyneth Paltrow Additional Specialist music
LESSONS OF DARKNESS	Dir: Werner Herzog
THE LITTLE TERRORIST	Dir: Ashvin Kumar (Music) OSCAR NOMINATED

SPECIALIST FACTUAL:

JAMES CRACKNELL: THE COLDEST RACE ON EARTH	1x60min Discovery Bulls Eye
JAMES CRACKNELL: THE TOUGHEST RACE ON EARTH	1x90min special Discovery Bulls Eye

RONNIE CORBETT'S COMEDY BRITAIN
ARCTIC WITH BRUCE PARRY
BILLY CONNOLLY: JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
DISASTER EYE-WITNESS
MAN MADE MARVELS

2x60min ITV | Shiver
5x60 min BBC2 | Indus Films
4x60min ITV | Shiver
10x30mins Discovery | Raw Cut TV
2x60min Darlow Smithson | Discovery

NATURAL HISTORY:

TRIBES, PREDATORS & ME
AFRICAN RIVERS WILD – flagship Natural History Series
INTO THE WILD with Gordon Buchanan
SHARK ATTACK EXPERIMENT: LIVE
SHARKS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
WILD BATTLEFIELDS
THE NATURAL WORLD : A MOOSE NAMED MADELINE
THE NATURAL WORLD : BIG SKY BEARS
THE NATURAL WORLD: CHEEKY MONKEY
THE NATURAL WORLD: THE CRATER
WILDLIFE ON ONE–Beavers : The Master Builders
WILDLIFE ON ONE - The Monkeys of the Rock
WILDLIFE ON ONE - Bands on the Run
EATEN ALIVE

3x60min BBC2 | NHU SP: Ted Oakes
7x60min Animal Planet | Warehouse 51
5x60min BBC2 / Hello-Halo
1x120min Nat Geo Wild | Aquavision TV
1x30min Crystalwater Films | STV Sweden
3x60min BBCNHU
1x60min BBC NHU
1x60min BBC NHU
1x60min Prod: Karen Bass BBC NHU
1x60min BBC NHU
1x30min BBC NHU
1x30min BBC BHU
1x30min BBC NHU
1x60min BBC Bristol

OB-DOC SERIES:

STRICTLY KOSHER S1+S2
FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS
MUMMY DIARIES
MAKE ME A MUSLIM
MAKE ME A CHRISTIAN
ADMISSION IMPOSSIBLE

3x60 min ITV | SHIVER
6x60min CH5 | ITN PRODUCTIONS
3x60min C4 | Ricochet
3x60min C4 | Wildcard
3x60min C4 | Wildcard Prods
2x60min C4 | Ricochet

FACTUAL SERIES:

BRITAIN'S BEST BAKERY [Titles:Intl vrsn]
WORLD'S CRAZIEST POLICE PURSUITS
POLICE INTERCEPTORS
ROAD WARS: Series 7 music rebranding
YOU'RE NICKED
ROAD WARS
ROAD WARS – USA
WEAPONOLOGY S1+2
COACH TRIP

20x60min ITV | Shine TV
2x60min C5 | Raw Cut TV
10x60min C5 | Raw Cut TV
Sky One | Raw Cut TV
6x60min C5
7x60min Sky One
8x60min Sky One
13 x 60min series Flashback TV / Discovery
C4 | 12 Yard [Additional Library Music]

SINGLE DOCS:

AFGHAN ARMY GIRLS – TRUE STORIES
THE IRAN-ISRAEL CONFLICT
CRIME SCENE FORENSICS
LOST CIVILISATION
EXPOSURE: THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST ARM'S RACE
LEAH'S DREAM
SEARCH FOR THE LIVING CANNIBALS
DAVID JASON'S BATTLE OF BRITAIN
THE SNAKEMAN
DAVID SUCHET ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
TURIN SHROUD: NEW EVIDENCE
REVEALED: THE CAPTAIN BLIGH CONSPIRACY
CUTTING EDGE – SLEEPING WITH THE AU PAIR
STORYVILLE - 444 DAYS THE IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS
CHILDREN OF BESLAN
STORYVILLE – SREBERNICA: NEVER GAIN?
DISPATCHES – DRINKING YOURSELF TO DEATH
DISPATCHES SPECIAL: THE BLUNKETT DIARIES
WHO GOT BENNY HILL's MILLIONS?

1x60min C4 | More4
1x60min Doco BBC Persia | Off-Centre Productions
1x60min BBC1
1x60min Nat Geo | Atlantic Productions
1x60min ITV | Brook Lapping
1x60min ITV | Shiver
1x60min Nat Geo | Bulls Eye
1x60min ITV1 | Shiver
1x60min C5 | ZigZag
1x60 min ITV | Shiver
1x60 min C4 | Darlow Smithson
1x60min C4 | Yap TV | Zig Zag TV
1x60min C4 | 20/20 Television
1x90min BBC2
1x60min BBC2 | HBO
1x79min BBC2 | October Films
1x60min C4 | Quick Silver Media
2x60min C4 | Juniper TV
1x60min C4 | Granada TV

WHO GOT DIANA DORS MILLIONS?
REAL CRIMES: The Kenneth Noye Story
REVEALED: THE TRUE CURSE OF THE MUMMY
EQUINOX-THE TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT
UNDER THE SUN: GEIKO GIRL
STORYVILLE – STAR WARS DREAMS

1x60 min C4 | Granada
1x60min ITV | Granada
1x60min C5 | Stony City Films
1x60min Café Productions | C4
1x60 BBC2 | Antelope Prods
1x74min BBC2 | Antelope Prods

FACTUAL SERIES: TRAVEL / ADVENTURE:

WORLD CAFÉ ASIA S1+2
WORLD CAFÉ MIDDLE EAST S1+2
TREKS IN A WILD WORLD: numerous episodes
GLOBE TREKKER & LONELY PLANET: numerous episodes

13x30min Discovery | Pilot Prods
5x60min Pilot Prods | Discovery
Pilot Prods | Discovery
Pilot Prods | Discovery