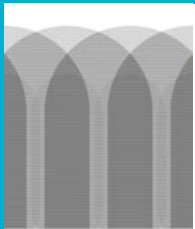


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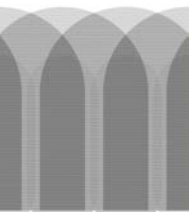
**2023 Season Launch**



# The year that was

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2023 Season Launch



# The Jungle Book

**October 2022**

4 Performances

400+ audience

20+ diverse creatives involved

*“Nautanki Theatre Company’s production unpacks this idea of ‘belonging’ through powerful storytelling by a multicultural cast, a reflection of diverse Australia.” Review by R. Nath, 2022*





# 7th South Asian Theatre Mela

November 2022

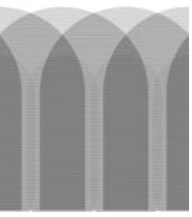
Theme: "South Asian Women Speak"

Two original plays commissioned

Performed over two nights

*Nautanki Theatre's leadership and contribution has been shown ...TNN sees it as important that exceptional work like Nautanki's, with CALD leadership and teams, is supported to thrive."* Margie Breen, Director - Theatre Network NSW



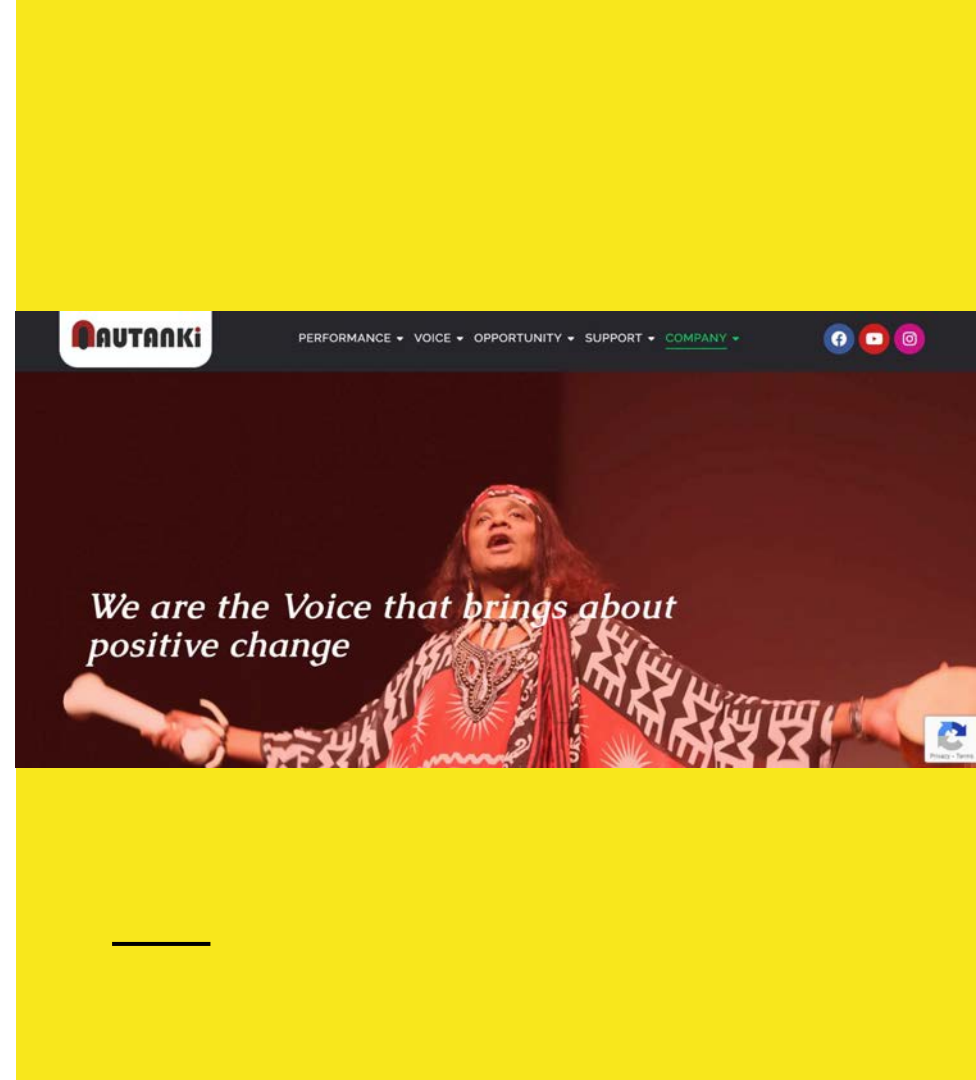


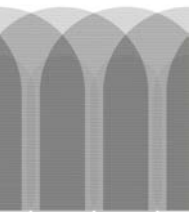
# The highs...

Neel nominated for 2022 Parramatta Citizen of the Year

4 successful grant applications

Launched new website





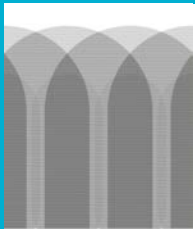
## ...& lows

Arsonists destroyed Nautanki's storage facility  
and rehearsal space at the Scouts Hall in Dundas

\$10,000 worth of goods damaged

Irreplaceable loss of prized memories from past  
performances



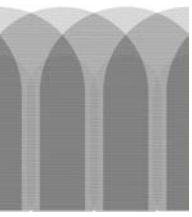


# The year that will be

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2023 Season Launch





# Pakistani Community Consultation

Feb 2023

Reaching out to the Muslim community

Helping spread access and interest in  
creative arts to this community







# Neel's Residency

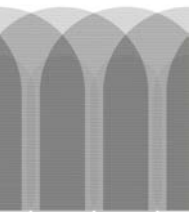
**Feb 2023**

BotTala Theatre Company, Dhaka, Bangladesh

10 days

[bottala.com](http://bottala.com)





# Step in Saray

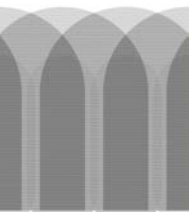
**March/July/Nov 2023**

Professional development series for South Asian creatives

Provides access to industry professionals and practitioners

Supported by Parramatta Council's Creative Project Grant





# Pomegranate Prince Play-reading

**May 2023**

Original work, written by Tasneem Hussain, as  
part of Nautanki's *Drama-Sutra Playwriting  
Project*

Funding through Create NSW





# 8th South Asian Theatre Mela

August 2023

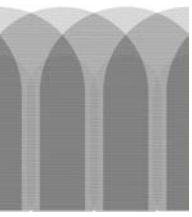
Two nights of South Asian Theatre

Original and/or adaptations

Bi-lingual







# Bunty Barber

**Sept 2023**

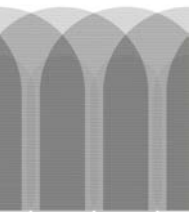
Dance Theatre production

Explores exclusionary & homophobic  
experiences, set in a Desi Barber Shop

Supported by the Aurora Foundation - Ignite  
Pride Grant



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# Human Activity

Oct 2023

BAKEHOUSE & Nautanki Co-Production

Sequel to *Jatinga*, a play inspired by the lives of  
the girls trafficked into sexual slavery in  
Kamathipura

