

**MANJINDER VIRK - Writing CV**

**Current:**

**OUT OF DARKNESS:** written and directed short film starring Tom Hiddleston (Thor, Avengers, Midnight in Paris), Riz Ahmed (Four Lions, Reluctant Fundamentalist), Monica Dolan (Appropriate Adult, Sightseers), Christine Bottomley (Strawberry Fields, The Arbor) and Andrew Gower (Misfits, Utopia). **Out of Darkness** featured in the 'Love Will Conquer All' Programme at the London Film Festival on the 17th and 19th of October 2013, and won BEST DRAMA and BEST OF FESTIVAL at the Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2013.

**JAMILLAH AND ALADDIN:** Written an episode of upcoming Kindle/CBeebies show.

**HOME:** delivered drama serial treatment for Objective productions

**BHUTTO:** delivered treatment for biopic of Benazir Bhutto for Mammoth Screen.

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**BEING JANE BROWN:** original comedy-drama co-written with Richard Lazarus. Manjinder to star. Optioned to Baby Cow/Henry Normal. Commissioned to script by BBC.

**FORGIVE:** adapted short play for the screen and directed by Manjinder. Producer Stephen Strachan. Supported by Screen West Midlands. Starring Sacha Dhawan and Abdi Gouhad.

**SOUL MATE:** writing original romantic comedy feature screenplay.

**CUTTING UP RAINBOWS:** written short film. In development.

**MOTHER'S HANDS:** written short film. In development.

**THE PINKY AND SWEETIE SHOW:** Written two episodes and treatment for an original comedy series. Performed reading with her sister Paven.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A FACE:** wrote and performed in her one woman show about Bobby, a Punjabi girl who finds out her parentage is not as she had believed. Duende Theatre Company/Hammersmith Lyric.

**TONIGHT I WRITE:** wrote and starred in play for Radio 4 as part of their *Love of the Afternoon* Season. Producer Claire Grove. TX 2004.

**GLOW:** wrote play for young people. Theatre Centre. Director Dawn Walton. National Tour 2003. Published in anthology **PLAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**, Vol 1.

**WRITER IN RESIDENCE 2002** – Red Ladder Theatre Company.

**LEAVING TURNPIKE LANE, MY MOOD TODAY and GOODNIGHT BUTTERFLY:** all theatre plays developed with Royal Court Young Writers.

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**TRAINING:**

BA (Hons) Performing Arts - De Montfort University, Leicester  
ND in Performing Arts – Coventry Centre for Performing Arts

Manjinder is also an actress - credits include director Clio Barnard's award-winning **The Arbor**, ITV1/Mammoth's medical drama **Monroe** and Peter Kosminsky's RTS and BAFTA award winning **Britz**, Neil Biswas' **Bradford Riots** (nominated for best drama at South Bank Awards) and Smita Bhide's feature film, **The Blue Tower** (Best feature at Raindance 2008). Theatre includes **Free Outgoing** at Royal Court and **Unsuitable Girls** at Lyric Hammersmith. She has been nominated for an Asian Woman of Achievement Award and named a star of tomorrow by Screen International.

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