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SHABANA AZMI



Hair: Black | Eyes: Brown | Height: 5'5"

Education Qualifications : Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from St.Xaviers College Bombay
Gold Medal for Best Student in Acting from Film & T.V.Institute of India Pune.

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AWARDS WON AS ACTRESS (National)

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| 1. National Award Best Actress | GODMOTHER | 1999 |
| 2. National Award Best Actress | PAAR | 1985 |
| 3. National Award Best Actress | KHANDAR | 1984 |
| 4. National Award Best Actress | ARTH | 1983 |
| 5. National Award Best Actress | ANKUR | 1974 |

She is the only actress in the country to have won 3 of these 5 awards in a row.

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| 6. Filmfare Award Best Actress | SWAMI | 1979 (1) |
| 7. Filmfare Award Best Actress | BHAVNA | 1989 (3) |
| 8. Filmfare Award Best Actress | ARTH | 1983 (2) |
| 9. Filmfare Lifetime Achievement | | 2006 |
| 10. IIFA Lifetime Achievement | | 2007 |

She has also won every single award for acting in the country, in many instances, more than thrice.

AWARDS WON AS ACTRESS (International)

1. Best Actress Award for THE BLACK PRINCE San Francisco Film Festival 2017
2. Best Supporting Actress for NEERJA Filmfare Awards 2017
3. Best Supporting Actress for NEERJA Stardust Awards 2017
4. Award For Excellence - Toronto Reel World International Film Festival MORNING RAGA 2005
5. Life Time Achievement Award - International Indian Film Academy 2005
6. Best Actress - Chicago International Film Festival FIRE 1996
7. Best Actress - Los Angeles Outfest FIRE 1996
8. Best Actress - Taormina – Arte Italy PATANG 1994

9. Best Actress - North Korea International Film Festival LIBAAS 1993

UK TELEVISION CREDITS

1. Good Karma Hospital II as Dr Anila Rahul, opposite Amanda Redman, directed by Alex Winckler for Tiger Aspect Productions/ITV.
2. Next Of Kin (6 Part Series Lead) Mrs Shirani, directed by Justin Chadwick for Mammoth Screen.
3. Capital (3 Part Series) Co-starring with Toby Jones & Gemma Jones – directed by Euros Lyn for BBC/Kudos.

FILM CREDITS

1. Satyajit Ray, the noted film maker, says in his book, “Our Films Their Films”, “Shabana Azmi in her first film, “Ankur”, firmly establishes herself as the finest dramatic actress in the country.”
2. Shabana Azmi won international acclaim for her performance in John Schlesinger’s “Madame Sousatzka” co-starring Shirley McLaine; and Nicholas Klotz’s “La Nuit Bengali”, co-starring John Hurt and Huge Grant. She also co-starred with Patrick Swayze in Roland Joffe’s “City of Joy”.
3. Other films include Channel 4’s “Immaculate Conception”, opposite James Wilby; “The Son of Pink Panther” by Blake Edwards; Ismail Merchant’s “In Custody”; “Mandi”, directed by Shyam Benegal; “Genesis” D:Mrinal Sen; “Sapa” D:Aparnasen.
4. “Fire” was written and directed by Deepa Mehta, Shabana plays the role of ‘Radha’. This was premiered at the London, New York, Paris and Chicago Film Festivals 1996/97. Shabana won Best Actress for “Fire”, both at Chicago International Film Festival 1997 and Los Angeles outfest.
5. “15 Park Avenue” starring as Anjali, written and directed by Aparna Sen, which screened in November 05 at the London Film Festival and released 6.1.06.
6. “Banglatown Banquet” for BBC Drama, filming January 06
7. Recent films in 2007 include “Honey Moon Travels” in Goa for the director, Ms.Reema Katgi. “Umrao Jaan” in Jaipur for J P Dutta playing the role of Umrao Jaan’s foster mother, Khanam Jaan and “Lions of Punjab Presents set in New Jersey, playing the lead role of Mrs. Kapoor in an ensemble piece directed by Manish Acharya.
8. Also in 2007 – “Dus Kahaniya” directed by Sanjay Gupta and also a short film “Positive” directed by Farhan Akhtar and produced by Mira Nair.
9. In 2008 “Kalpvriksh” a magical, inspirational story of five children saving their “wishing tree” and Onir’s “Sorry Bhai”.
10. During 2009 a comedy feature “It’s A Wonderful Afterlife” directed by Gurinder Chadha with Shabana in the lead role.
11. Mira Nair’s “The Reluctant Fundamentalist” will be screened on the opening night of the Venice Film Festival 2012.
12. Shabana has appeared in Salman Rushdie’s Midnight’s Children directed by Deepa Mehta in the role of Naseem recently which had its World premiere at the Toronto Film Festival in 2012.
13. To be released in December 2012 is Vishal Bhardwaj’s “Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola” in Hindi.
14. Shabana filmed Rohit Kaushik’s “The Tale That Wags the Dog” in October 2012 in Hindi and English.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Presidents Memorial Award for National Integration 2007 – by President of India – Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.
2. Doctorate from Leeds Metropolitan University 2007 - For her unstinted support to social issues concerning underprivileged and marginalized sections of the Indian society.
3. Gandhi International Peace Prize 2006 by Gandhi Foundation London - Shabana Azmi is the first Indian to receive the prestigious International Gandhi Peace prize at the House of Commons in London.
4. Basavashree Award 2006 – by Shri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, the present pontiff of Murughamath of Chitradurga, Karnataka. The award is to honour the work of academicians and scholars who are engaged selfless service to humanity to create an egalitarian society. Some of the previous recipients were Anna Azare, Medha Patkar, Dalai Lama, Dr. Vandana Shiva.
5. Crystal Award by World Economic Forum – Davos 2006 for achieving outstanding excellence in the field of culture and having used art to reach out to other cultures.
6. One of 16 women to whom tributes were paid by President Mitterand of France on the bicentenary celebrations of International Human Rights in July '89. Others included were Mother Theresa and Nobel Laureate, Rigoberta Menchu.
7. Martin Luther King, Parks and Chavez Award by Michigan State University 2002.
8. Chosen by Time magazine as 1 of 25 Asian heroes and the only woman amongst 4 Indians who has made a difference.
9. Only Asian actor to have a retrospective of her films at the New York Film Festival 2002
10. Retrospective of her films at American Film Institute, Smithsonian Institution Washington, George Pompidou Centre Paris, Pacific Cinematheque etc.
11. Chairperson of the International Jury at Montreal, Cairo, Osean and Cinefan Film Festivals.
12. Member of the International Jury at the Tehran, New Delhi and Mannheim Film Festivals.
13. Padma Shri 1988.
14. Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Secularism 1994
15. Nominated to Rajya Sabha by President of India 1997 – 2003
16. United Nations Goodwill Ambassador on Population and Development UNFPA
17. Former Chairperson of Children's Film Society of India.

Apart from being a highly respected actress, Shabana Azmi is also a committed social activist. Inspired by the fiery zeal of her father, who has worked extensively with construction labours.

As chairperson of NIVARA HAKK, she undertook a 5 day hunger strike in May 1986 for slum dwellers in Bombay and was successful in obtaining land for displaced slum dwellers. On 1st May 2007, Niwara Hakk handed over 4184 tenements free of cost to slum dwellers evicted from the Borivli National Park. By December 2007, 12000 tenements will be handed over. This makes it the largest single rehabilitation project in all of Asia.

She has been a strong supporter of the Narmada Bachao Andolan insisting that the present development programmes are highly unsatisfactory and need to be considered along alternative lines, because instead of solving the problems of poverty, they are only creating worse divides between the “haves” and the have-nots”.

Alongwith Swami Agnivesh and Asghar Ali Engineer, she undertook a 4-day march for communal harmony from DELHI to MEERUT in April, 1989. She has also participated in several street plays and demonstrations against the rising wave of communalism. In the aftermath of the Babri Masjid Demolition, she along with activists of NIVARA HAKK, helped to defuse tension in several slums. To their credit, NIVARA HAKK did not have a single incident of violence whilst the city was ablaze.

In April – May '93 she addressed 16 Universities in USA on topics ranging from Women's issues to communalism. With the extensive tour of her play "Tumhari Amrita", she has raised funds for displaced Kashmiri migrants and 40,000 US Dollars for the victims of the Latur Earthquake. She is a Member of the National Integration Council under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

She is on the Advisory Council of the Endowment Campaign For Chair in Indian Studies, Columbia University.

She has fought relentlessly against religious fundamentalism of all hues and is highly respected as a moderate, liberal Muslim voice.

She is also visiting Professor at Ann Arbor Michigan. She has addressed several universities such as Harvard, Columbia, Berkeley, MIT Boston, University of Chicago, University of London etc.on the need to relate communal harmony to issues of social justice.

Having worked in 140 films as well as in theatre, Shabana Azmi believes art should be used as an instrument for social change. She has been involved in the rights of women, development, reproductive health, housing for the economically weaker sections, public health and HIV AIDS.

Theatre credits:

1. Emma in Harold Pinter's Betrayal for Singapore Repertory Theatre – 2005
2. Lead in Tanika Gupta's The Waiting Room for The National Theatre London – 2002
3. Nora in Ibsen's The Dolls House for Singapore Repertory Theatre – 1997
4. Grusha in Urdu adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle for IPTA – 1980
5. Amrita in Urdu adaptation of A.R.Gurney's Love Letters – 1992 – 2006
6. Shabana continues on stage with Girish Karnad's "Broken Images" (English) directed by Alyque Padamsee - 2012
7. Also "Kaifi Aur Main" (Urdu) and "Tumhari Amrita" (Urdu) – 2012
8. Happy Birthday Sunita, directed by Pravesh Kumar for Rifco Arts 2014
9. Broken Images – Bloomsbury Theatre - Alyque Padamsee – 2017

She is married to Javed Akhtar, urdu poet, film lyricist and the finest script writer in Hindi cinema.









