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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, M.F.A Film & TV Production, May 2018.

University of Pune, Sinhgad College, Masters in Computer Science, 2011.

AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

- Directors Guild of America Student Award Winner.
- Best Student Film at Sunscreen Film Festival.
- Best Student Film at DTLA Film Festival.
- Platinum Remi Award at 52nd World-fest Houston.
- Festival Special Mention at 9th Dada Saheb Phalake Film Festival.
- First Look Best Dramatic Short Nomination.
- Vitruvian Award at Da Vinci Film Festival, Los Angeles.
- Leo Award at Da Vinci Film Festival, Los Angeles.
- James Bridges Directing Scholarship USC .
- Edward Thomas Troutner Cinematography Scholarship USC.
- NewFilmmakers Los Angeles Best Short Film Nomination.

WORKS

SAMIR- EPISODIC FEATURE/ CO- DIRECTOR - 2019

Produced by Elysium Bandini Studios. Funded and Acquired by Warner Brothers Studios for Distribution.

- Heartland International Film Festival, 2019.

DIFFICULT PEOPLE - 20 MINS / DIRECTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER - 2018

Acquired by ShortsTV and Omeleto for online distribution.

- Winner of Directors Guild of America Student Award, 2018
- Winner of Sunscreen Film Festival Best Student Film, 2019.
- American Society of Cinematographers Student Heritage Award Nomination, 2019.
- Platinum Remi Award at 52nd WorldFest Houston
- Festival Special Mention at Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival, 2019.
- Best Actor at Jaipur International Festival
- Palm Springs Short Fest, 2019 (**Oscar, BAFTA and Goya awards Qualifying**)
- Edmonton International Film Festival(**Oscar Qualifying**), 2019.
- Bronzlen's Film Festival(**Oscar Qualifying**), 2019.
- Los Angeles Asia Pacific Film Festival, 2019 (**Oscar Qualifying**)
- Santa Cruz International Film Festival, 2019.
- Best Cinematography at Little Wings Film Festival, 2019.
- Oaxaca Film Festival, 2019.
- USA Film Festival, Dallas, 2019.
- Newport Beach Film Festival, 2019.
- Crossroads Film Festival Mississippi,
- Bentonville Film Festival, 2019.
- 69th Montecatini International Film Festival.
- Ojai Film Festival, 2019.
- South Asian Film Festival of America, 2019.
- Catalina International Film Festival, 2019.

- Santa Cruz International Film Festival, 2019.
- Film Four Corners Film Festival, 2019.
- Ischia Film Festival, 2019.
- Houston Asian American Pacific Islander, 2019.
- New York Indian Film Festival, 2019.
- IFFSA Toronto, 2019.
- Arizona International Film Festival
- Westchester International Film Festival
- Roxbury Film Festival, 2019.
- Ottawa Film Festival, 2019.
- South Asian Film Festival, Orlando, 2019.
- Revolution Me Film Festival, 2019.
- Ark Film Festival, Pune, 2019.
- UCFTI Expo Semi Finalist, 2018.
- Winner at Jelly Fest, 2019.

GEETA - 15 MINS / DIRECTOR, WRITER - 2017

Acquired by Viddsee and ShortTV for online distribution.

- LA Shorts Film Fest, 2018(**Oscar Qualifying**)
- Best Student Short DTLA Short Film Festival, 2018.
- Best Short Nomination New Filmmakers LA, 2018.
- Long Beach Indie International Film Festival, 2018.
- Best Short Film Voiceless Film Festival, 2018.
- Film Shortage Daily Picks, 2019.
- New Generation Indian Independent Film Festival Germany, 2018.
- Screening at University of Frankfurt Germany, 2018.

THE TIMEKEEPER - 5 MINS / DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR - 2019

Acquired by ShortsTV for online distribution.

- 37th Flickers Rhode Island International Film Festival, 2019. (Oscar and BAFTA Qualifying)
- Dharamshala International Film Festival, 2019.
- Oxford Film Festival, 2020.
- Indie meme International Film Festival, Texas, 2020.

A SHORT SCENE ABOUT WAITING - 5 MINS/ DIRECTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER, EDITOR - 2016

- Hong Kong Arthouse Film Festival
- Best Director at Largo Film Festival

DIARIES OF UNKNOWN - 25 MINS / DIRECTOR, PRODUCER - 2013

- International Film Festival Kerala
- Excellence in filmmaking at Kanyakumari International Film Festival
- Maduari International Film Festival
- Special Jury prize in Samyak Film Festival

SPIFF - SMITA PATIL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Creative Director and a lead programmer of Smita Patil International Film Festival from 2012-2020

PRESS

Indian Express, Platform Magazine, Voyage LA, Viddsee, IndieShorts Magazine, USC Daily Trojan.

CHESS

International Fide Rated Chess Player. Have played multiple Nationals and State level tournaments.