

## My Giddy Aunt – Himalayan Madness

### Synopsis

Lady Hester Eppingham, a widow and subject to delusions, is put in charge of managing a tea estate in the foothills of Himalayas by her aging father. In fact, her nephew, Martin runs the day to day operations. Rahmu is the faithful 'servant' in the household. When Lady Eppingham's father passes away, a series of events take place.

Baal Bhagat (**Director**) was born in Maharashtra, India. He worked at Xerox for many years and is currently engaged in small business in India. He lives with his wife Sumedha in Fairport and both have been active members of Marathi Mandal, Rochester. During undergraduate work at University of Bombay, India participated in Inter Collegiate drama competitions that lead to local repertoire theatre acting. In November 2006 he appeared as "Ken Gorman" in the Kalidas production of "Rumors". He has directed 2 previous plays for Kalidas, "What's in a Name" (May 2007) and "Run For Your Wife" (December 2007). Acting, directing and performing "one man show" has been his passion for many years. An avid bicycle rider enjoys exploring various bike trails in summer.



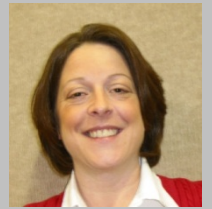
Samir Bhagwat (*Basil Landau*) is a Research Assistant Professor at University of Rochester Medical Center. He lives in Brighton with his wife Rajashree and two children, Neel and Saniya. His hobbies include: reading about history and politics, listening to music and acting. He has acted in several plays in the past, both in Rochester and in India and is excited about his debut in an English play. He has lived in this area for the last 7 years.

Shalini Bhattacharya (*Vana Singh*) grew up in Mumbai and completed her bachelors in Commerce and Associates in interior design before moving to New York City to finish her Bachelors in design at the New York School of Interior Design. She currently works as an interior architect doing commercial interior design projects predominantly in the healthcare and education fields. She lives in Fairport with her husband Amit and daughters Sabrina (7 years) and Samara (9 months). When she is not juggling work and family, she spends her free time swimming, reading and indulging in her hobby-glass painting.

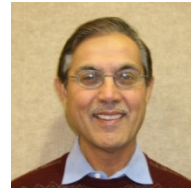


Bradley Buchheit (*Jeremy Eppingham*) was born in Corvallis, OR and raised in nearby Lebanon, OR. He recently graduated from Clarkson University with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Bio-Molecular Engineering. He is currently working as a Lab Technician at the University of Rochester Medical Center studying various aspects of *Pneumocystis pneumonia*. He plans on entering medical school in 2010.

Julia P. Fitch (*Crystal McCloud*) is a native of Rochester, New York currently living in Macedon. Julia is currently employed at Ravi Engineering & LS, P.C. as the Accounting Manager. This is her first appearance in a play. In addition to her new found talent on stage she also enjoys caring for her wonderful husband, her wonderful pets Buddy a Bare-Eyed talking Cockatoo and Angel her Australian Sheppard. In her spare time Julia participates in American Indian customs and has attended numerous Pow-Wows and is an experienced inner-tribal dancer.



Dr. Tarun Kothari (*Dr. Caradine*) has been resident of Rochester for 30 years. He is chief of gastroenterology at Unity Hospital and is in private group practice for 28 years. He also has an impressive list of community services. He is an original founder of India Community Center, was board member for 8 years, past vice president of and honoree of ICC and AIA (Association of Indians in America). He is also past president of International Hindi Association, World Hindi Foundation and life member of Hindu Temple. He is a board of director at unity hospital for last 8 years and sits on the board of RIPA (Rochester Individual Physician Association), a community physician organization. Recently he received physician of the year award from unity hospital. He writes Hindi poetry and "tripti", a book of collection of his and his wife's poems was published 10 years ago. He has acted in school and college plays, loves photography, an avid golfer and tennis player. He lives with his wife Dr. Kamal in Pittsford. They have 2 daughters Juhee and Pooja.



Mihir Shah (*Rahmu*) was born in 1975 in Ahmedabad to the parents, Sharad and Anjana Shah. The family moved to New Jersey in 1984. Upon completion of college, he took on multiple marketing and finance positions at a copy company in Rochester, NY. However, he always had a feeling of emptiness until a friend approached him to consider "the perfect role for him" in the Kalidas play. *A Star was born!* This is Mihir's first time on big stage. Mihir lives in Rochester with wife, Priti and the beautiful daughter, Rhea.



Arun Vachher (*Martin Eppingham*) participated in stage productions in elementary school and then in "Kaju Burfi" (Mahadev Sharma) in Rochester. He was last seen in the Kalidas production of "Too Soon For Daisies" (Dr. John Hunter). Born in the U.K., brought up in India, Arun came to the U.S. in 1994, and has been in Rochester since 1995. Arun works with Thomson Reuters as a Sr. Project Manager in their R&D group. He lives with his wife Anju in West Henrietta.

Erica Wagner (*Lady Eppingham*) moved from Willington, Delaware to New York three years ago. She first appeared on a stage singing with children's choir at the age of 5. In high school she participated in solo, duet and group competition. Her recent plays were mystery plays, performed at Sonnenburg mansion and Garden State Historic Park. Erica was part of "Something Amiss At the Ball" with an encore performance and "Fun Follies of 1937" in the spring of 2008 and in October 2008 respectively. She currently works at Harris RF Communications building hand-held radios for the military.

