

Mira Nair Platform Juror

Mira Nair was born and raised in Rourkela, India, and went on to study at Delhi and Harvard universities. Her narrative feature debut, *Salaam Bombay!* (1988), won the Camera d'Or and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language film. A resourceful and determined independent filmmaker who casts unknowns alongside Hollywood stars, Nair has directed Mississippi *Masala* (1991), *The Perez Family* (1995), *Kama Sutra: A Tale of Love* (1996), *Hysterical Blindness* (2002), *Vanity Fair* (2004), *The Namesake* (2006), *Amelia* (2009), and *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (2012). Her most recent film, *Queen of Katwe*, about a Ugandan girl with an aptitude for chess, stars Lupita Nyong'o and David Oyelowo. Nair's acclaimed film *Monsoon Wedding* (2001) was recently brought to the stage as a highly anticipated musical at Berkeley Repertory Theater where it closed an extended, sold-out run this past summer. She is the director of BBC's forthcoming adaptation of *A Suitable Boy*, to be released in 2020.

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