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## Meet the cast...



**Nidhi Lal**

**Nidhi** is a board-certified family physician & Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Chobanian Avedesian School of Medicine.

Her work integrates narrative medicine, global health, and health systems development through clinical care, scholarship, and community engagement.

She is deeply committed to serving underserved and underprivileged communities and has dedicated her career to advancing health equity through her meaningful interactions with patients.



**Shoham Bhadra**

Raised in New Jersey, **Shoham** got the *3rd Culture Kid* experience between attending public school on weekdays and spending weekends attending Bengali community events with his family.

Currently a Massachusetts resident, he spends his days working in tech, and his nights teaching, dancing, and emceeing at Swing dance events.

This is his first live, true-story telling event. It will probably not be his last.



**Chetan Tiwari**

**Chetan** is a civil rights attorney licensed in Ontario and Massachusetts. He represents people who are wrongfully convicted, incarcerated, those facing discrimination in employment, and victims of wage theft.

He is an avid sports fan, a burgeoning writer and enjoys standup comedy.

His favorite thing to do however, is hang out with his wife and two daughters.



**Meenakshi Garodia**

**Meenakshi** is a multimedia artist, storyteller, ceramicist, writer/director, and experimental filmmaker working in digital, installation, and 16mm film. Her work explores women's lives within the patriarchy and the immigrant experience through plays and short films. She has been Affiliate Faculty at RISD, UMASS Lowell, and Emerson College, where she got her MFA in Film and Media Arts & has an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. Explore her work at [meenakshigarodiafilms.com](http://meenakshigarodiafilms.com) and [meenakshigarodia.com](http://meenakshigarodia.com)



**Pooja Saraff**

**Pooja** moved from Mumbai to the US about 18 years ago.

Her post-graduate education was in Wyoming but she has called Boston home for the last 10 and lives here with her husband, daughter, and cat.

She finds meaning in her work as a psychologist and like most people, is trying to find time for her passion for dance and writing. She has recently started dabbling in poetry too.

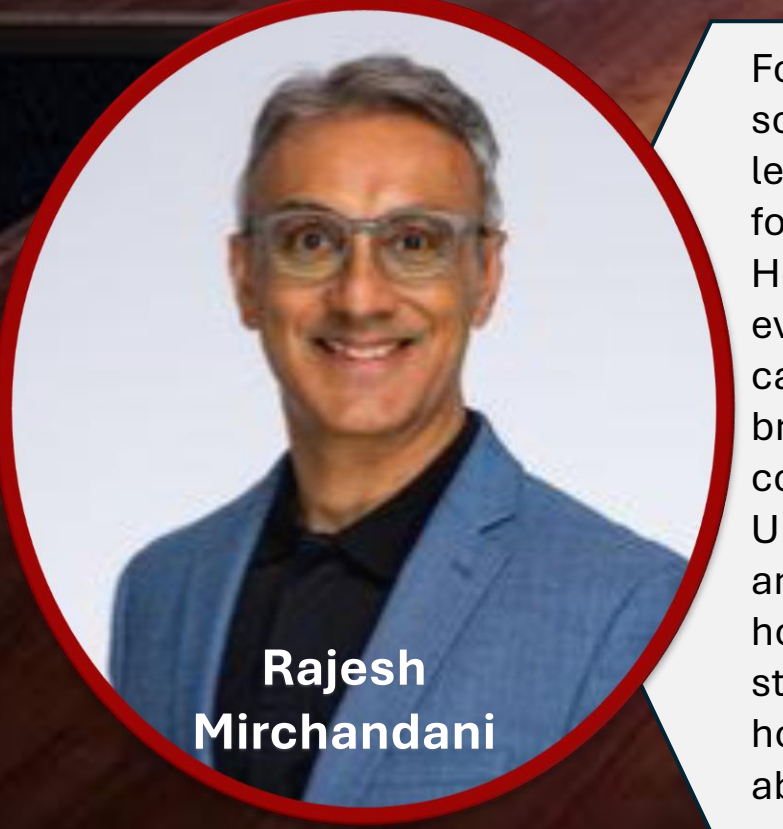


**Hamida Merchant**

**Hamida** grew up in Mumbai and has been in the Boston area since 1998.

She has a broad range of interests including acting and story telling.

An avid traveler and hiker, her goal is to visit four new countries a year and check off all the UNESCO world heritage sites in her lifetime.



**Rajesh Mirchandani**

For over 30 years **Rajesh** has helped social impact organizations and leaders tell better stories and is founder/CEO of *Storyteller Consulting*. He has reported on world-changing events and shaped award-winning campaigns and content for iconic brands, vibrant start-ups and community nonprofits including the United Nations, BBC, Feeding America, and more. He is a sought-after event host and moderator, a podcaster and storytelling performer. & creator and host of *Finding Our Flavor*, a podcast about family and food.



**Voices from Iran**

A panel discussion with 3 **Iranian immigrants**, sharing their thoughts on being faraway as their homelands, family and friends are engulfed in war and strife.

Moderated by Off Kendrik's Artistic Director, Sankha Bhowmick, we will continue to do the work of shining a light on the bifurcated existence of immigrants who must simultaneously straddle two countries and cultures.

