

## ANUPAM SHARMA – Director/Producer/Actor/Speaker

Anupam Sharma is an award-winning filmmaker and film entrepreneur with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Films & Theatre, and a post-graduate thesis on cinema from University of NSW. Once named as one of the fifty most powerful and influential Australian film professionals, he is the founding head of **TEMPLE**, a prolific and award-winning international film production and consultancy firm based out of Fox Studios Sydney, where he has lead a team of film professionals on over 300 projects in the last 21 years.

After establishing TEMPLE and working as a Producer/EP/LP on international film and TVC projects, Anupam returned to directing, winning a commission for a short documentary by the Australian National Maritime Museum. He then directed and produced one of the biggest ad campaigns for Destination NSW for the Asian market, directed the anti-piracy campaign for the Intellectual Property Awareness Foundation, and directed one of the launch films for the International Cricket Council.

With feature films as his forte, Anupam directed the multimillion-dollar indie Australian romantic-comedy **unINDIAN** starring Australian cricketer Brett Lee. Australian film critic David Stratton called the film “engaging in its cheerful celebration of community.” He then directed award the winning feature documentary **The Run**, following the journey of ultra-marathon runner and ex-member of Parliament, Pat Farmer, as he ran along the length of India.

Anupam's latest feature documentary **Brand Bollywood Downunder** (Producer Claire Haywood) won the Flame Award for Best Documentary 2024 at the prestigious UK Asian Film Festival in London. He is currently in early pre-production on feature **Framed**, with development assistance from SBS, Screen Australia, and Screen NSW. Assisted with development investment from Australian film bodies, and international investors, Anupam has a slate of high-profile Australian film projects as a Director and/or Producer with major Australian film makers including Bill Bennett, John Winter and others.

Anupam has advised many government and private bodies in relation to Indian films, including Baz Luhrman's *Moulin Rouge*, the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Governments of Queensland and NSW among others. In 2012 he was the chief judge and advisor to the first India centric Australian reality television show on SBS – *Bollywood Star*.

As strong supporter of diversity and international promotion of Australian cinema, Anupam has lead a number of Australian initiatives including An Australian Film Initiative (with support from Hugh Jackman, Baz Luhrman among others), and voted as Chair of Australia India Film Council. He has been widely credited for pioneering Australian links with Indian cinema and in recognition of his work in films and diversity, Anupam has been appointed as an Australia Day Ambassador and recently named as one of members of the inaugural Diversity Task Force of Screen Queensland.

Anupam is a respected commentator and frequent speaker at various conferences and on television/radio programs including the ABC, the Nine Network, SBS TV, SPA, Art Gallery of NSW, and the Powerhouse Museum.