

1. Tell us few words about yourself?

My name is Aashish Nair. I am an engineering graduate from the University of Kerala, still I'm perusing a career in the Malayalam film industry. I'm currently undergoing a diploma course in Neo Film School, Kochi, specializing in film making.

2. Tell something about your schooling and any special memories to share?

I did my schooling in St. Mary's Senior Secondary School which is in my hometown Ranny, a small town in Pathanamthitta district, Kerala. School life had a major role in my life, and I owe it to what I am now. Most of my close friends are from my school.

3. What made you start directing films and grow an interest towards it?

I have been passionate about films from my childhood. I used to watch each and every films, no matter what language, even in my school days. I honestly don't know how I decided to have the ambition of being a film maker. I guess it just struck me out of the blue due to my love towards films.

4. Tell something about the type of films you have directed.

Technically speaking, I have directed five short films, and one of them, "Identity: The Battle Within", a psychological thriller, had an online release on 15th May 2014, and another one, "Heat", a crime thriller, is about to be released soon. The short films I have done a kind of indie in a sense, with a little 'professional' touch and low budgets. I hope I can evolve as a maker over the coming years.

5. What are the difficulties you faced when you started direction?

I called in my close friends to do a short film in 2011. They just jumped in, no questions asked. We had a lot of budget issues, and technical inexperience during our first attempt. Each project had its own problems, but I think tackling them was very fun and satisfying. That what makes film making so great.

6. Describe yourself as a director?

I'm a fan of fast-paced thrillers, and I love to that kind of films. I like to work with my friends so that I can keep a fine and lively set throughout the shoot. I would like to describe myself as a non-negotiable writer rather than a non-negotiable director.

7. Describe your daily routine

Currently, I keep myself busy in my course in the Film School. On a free day, I would like to hang out with my friends, or watch as much movies as I can.

8. Describe yourself other than as a director

I'm a huge movie buff. I store as much as movie information I can, and I try to watch every film I can get a hold of. I believe friends are so much important in our life, and I love to go on long trips with them. I am an occasional reader too.

9. Tell something about your future projects.

My next film to be released is a 10-minute crime thriller short film called "Heat" which stars my childhood friend Jibin Mathew, and it will be released online possibly in December 2015. In 2016, I will be doing a 20 minute short film, but it's still very early to say something about it.

10. What are your suggestions to newbie directors?

Honestly, I don't think I'm in position to give suggestions to anyone, because I'm a newbie myself. All I have to say is don't hesitate, just do what your heart says. Successful or not, you will be happy.

My links:

"Identity: The battle within" - Short Film YouTube link -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSlidS7jcF4>

"Identity: The battle within" - Trailer YouTube link -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpEbtmL0hbE>

"Heat" - Poster Facebook link -
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1093477850687015&set=a.188566487844827.43288.100000744308114&type=3&permPage=1>

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