

1. Tell us a few words about yourself.

My name is Pooja Nair. I'd like to think of myself as an extremely restless person who cannot stop doing things all the time. I love food, books, and all forms of expression.

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

I went to a school in Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates. My best memories have always been freezing on the stage after practicing for the extempore. I had crazy stage fright.

3. What made you start photography and grow interest towards it?

I'm restless, so I like starting and doing a lot of new things. Photography just came along like a butterfly while I didn't really pay attention to it much. I used to shoot with smaller cameras and experiment a lot. The more complex cameras came much later. But it's not something I consciously grew good at. It's like, if you love the job you do, you never are really working!

4. Tell something about the type of photographs you take.

I am basically a food photographer and I found this niche very recently (about 6 months ago). I love styling food and playing with how it can look on camera. I love taking pictures of people as well but not as much as I love taking pictures of still things. Still things that look like they move without moving.

5. Describe yourself as a photographer.

I try to use natural light as much as possible. I like minimalism and color the most. I like a lot of shadow play in my photographs as well.

6. Do you provide any freelance service?

Yes, freelancing is my comfort zone because I'm in college and a lot of the obligations of a full time job aren't there while freelancing. I work and get work through client's word of mouth.

7. Tell us something about your acting skills and some of the work you have done.

I've worked in a few short films, the most major one yet being a Malayalam one shot in Dubai. It's called 'parayanirinathu' and its songs are out now. Besides that I have worked as a theatre artist, the last production I worked in is called 'Asylum' by 'The Mirror Merchants'.

8. Describe your daily routine.

It changes every other day according to what I have to do and what mood I am in. I do keep an hour aside for something creative ranging from writing to painting or just shuffling to some good music. It helps refresh my mind. A lot of my day otherwise goes in travelling.

9. Describe yourself other than as a photographer and an actor.

As I have previously said, I'm restless. I've tried being a tour guide, translator, ideator and a writer. I am all of these even now but don't work as any. I enjoy writing and I have a blog where I put up some of my work.

10. What are your suggestions to new actors and photographers?

Have a resume and portfolio ready always. Do not shift it to tomorrow because that is one thing that everyone asks for before anything else. Take breaks, and don't forget to breathe.

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