



## Nanubhai Education Foundation

*Inspiring Students, Empowering Teachers, Transforming Rural Classrooms*

FOURTH ANNUAL GALA

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NEW YORK, NY

*Dear Friends,*

We are delighted to welcome you to the Fourth Annual Nanubhai Education Foundation Gala. Your presence and generosity tonight will directly support our ongoing mission to improve the lives of students in India through education.

As we look forward to celebrating our achievements together, we believe it is imperative that we take a look back, eight years into the past, when the organization was just beginning to blossom. When we started Nanubhai, the iPhone didn't exist and Facebook was just an idea in a college student's mind. Over that same period, Nanubhai and India have grown dramatically. We've transformed from funding school supplies to having a year-round presence in rural India with our Teaching Fellows. With a focus on professional development, we are creating the next generation of innovative educators and leaders in India.

The Gala is not only an exciting night of celebration, but it is also one of the most important for Nanubhai. Your generosity tonight fuels Nanubhai's ability to continue our program in India. For example, by donating the equivalent of a latte a month, you ensure that a student receives a full year of English education.

The Gala may last only one evening, but to pull it together is a process that lasts many months. We would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to those members of the 2012 Gala Team who have selflessly devoted long hours to help make the event a success. Their dedication, creativity, and vision has brought together such an amazing evening to share with our supporters.

Again, thank you for attending this year's Gala, and for all you do to support the cause. We hope you have a memorable evening!

*Sincerely,*

Sameepa Doshi Gala Co-Chair



Anita Patel Gala Co-Chair



Raj Shah Founder





## The Nanubhai Fellows Program

Our unique Teaching Fellows program places experienced educators with our partner schools to provide:

Teacher mentorship and leadership development

Teacher training workshops and seminars

After school programs, libraries, and college scholarships

Ongoing Evaluation and Research

Our programs are designed to be both sustainable and scalable. Each of our partner schools is considered a talent incubation center for both its students and its local teachers. Partner schools are selected for their enthusiastic, invested principals and school leadership, size and location.





## Why Nanubhai?

The Nanubhai Education Foundation, founded in 2004, is dedicated to providing equal access to India's rapidly growing economic opportunities to the students of India's rural public high schools through education. We work to inspire the students of our partner schools, especially women, to achieve excellence, enroll in higher education and participate in India's new economy.



**M**y year spent in rural Gujarat was an eye-opening, challenging, yet incredible experience. On my very first day, I stood in front of a dilapidated classroom with 80 pairs of curious dark brown eyes staring up at me. Immediately, I thought

*to myself, "How am I going to get all of these students to understand English?" But as time passed, I learned more about the Indian culture, the Gujarati education system and unique strategies for teaching English to rural Indian high school students. My experience training local teachers taught me more than I could ever have imagined. Over the course of my year working for Nanubhai, India became my home and I am profoundly grateful to everyone who welcomed me into the Kadod community.*

*- Emily Richardson  
Nanubhai Fellow, Madhi High School*

# Meet our 2011-2012 Nanubhai Fellows:



## SARAH BIRGÉ

**S**arah grew up in Vermont and received her B.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago in 2006. After graduation, she spent two years as a New York City Teaching Fellow as a Literacy and Bilingual Social Studies Instructor in a Bronx middle school. She then taught ESL for two years in South Korea, where she learned to love spicy food! Currently, Sarah is a Master's candidate in Sustainable Development at the SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, VT. She hopes that she will be able to expand her knowledge of educational techniques by working with her partner teacher. Sarah is also excited to learn a new language, wear some beautiful saris, and try a new cuisine in Gujarat!



## CLAIRE ARTHURS

**C**laire graduated Cum Laude from Dartmouth College in 2005 with a B.A. in Art History. After graduation, she worked for Dunnington, Bartholow and Miller LLP, a New York City law firm. After specializing in Holocaust-era disputes for several years, she decided to pursue her passion for teaching and received her M.A.T. from Columbus State University in December 2010. She first became passionate about working in India after reading Amartya Sen's Development as Freedom, and continues to enjoy reading a wide range of Indian authors. She is looking forward to serving the city of Kadod and Kadod High School in the coming year.



## JOHN ELLINGTON

**J**ohn will graduate from Princeton University in May with a B. A. in History of Science. Last summer, he managed Princeton's Garden Project and harvested an unprecedented number of heirloom tomatoes. He was also a member of the campus' award-winning radio station (WPRB), where he discussed news and music items on air.

Although he spent his academic career studying Renaissance Europe, John is excited to try something new and refreshing in India. He looks forward to trying his hand at new musical instruments, hiking Gujarat, and allowing Mumbai's hustle and bustle to overwhelm him just once (or maybe twice). As a California native he cannot wait to say goodbye to New Jersey's relatively frequent snowfall.

# Program Overview

## 7:00 - 8:00 pm COCKTAIL HOUR

Please indulge in our open bar and light fare. Take in the silent auction, sponsor one of our students, and meet our Nanubhai Fellows and honored guests.

## 8:00 - 9:00 pm GENERAL PRESENTATION

Welcome by Nanubhai Spokeman Manish Dayal

Performance by Jeffrey Iqbal

*Jeffrey Iqbal is an American Born recording artist who has performed with AR Rahman, and was a contestant on Zee Tv's Sa Re Ga Ma Pa.*

Presentation by Founder Raj Shah and Executive Director Nita Nehru

Live auction, hosted by comedian Ruhbin Mehta

Performance by AATMA Performing Arts.

*AATMA's interpretation of Bollywood dance, which originates from Indian cinema, combines ethnic spirit and intense emotion to produce a breathtaking visual display of dance and entertainment. The group has been featured in publications including The New York Times and has worked alongside Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra.*

Thank you from 2012 Gala Co-Chairs Anita Patel and Sameepa Doshi

Raffle Drawing

Thank you from Heroes Actor; Sendhi Ramamurthy

9:30 pm  
DJ Insomnia Invites You to the Dance Floor

# THANK

*For sharing in our mission to  
educate rural youth in India  
and for joining us this evening  
to celebrate and honor the  
achievements we have made  
abroad.*

# YOU

As India has undergone tremendous growth and transformation as it enters the global economy, a whole generation of children is unfortunately being left behind without access to quality education. Nanubhai Education Foundation works to fill that gap and provide equal access to education in rural India. Since 2004, Nanubhai's goal has been to advance education in under-funded public schools in rural India through validated English language, IT, and novel teacher training programs. With your support, India's changes won't just take place at a national level; they will start in each classroom – spreading from motivated individuals, to families, and to entire communities.

Nanubhai is excited to announce our 2012  
Summer Interns  
and  
2012-2013 Fellow:

**2012 Summer Interns : Jordan Katz and Margaret Orazio**

**2012-2013 Fellow : Saran Singh**



Students at Kadod High School – India



**A donation of only \$60 will  
place a child into our intensive  
English program  
for a full year.**

# Up for Bid Tonight

## *Live Auction Items*

**Sponsor a Classroom**

**Flight with Raj Shah**

**Restaurant package** includes *Celebrity chef Vikas Khanna's latest cookbook (Flavors First), DVD (Holy Kitchens) & Dinner for 2 Gift Certificate (\$150) @ Junoon & tour of spice room with Vikas Khanna*

**Sweet Treat** *Private cooking lesson with Executive Pastry Chef of the Michellan Star Rated - Tulsi Restaurant - and owner of BitterSweet NYC*

**Savory Delight** *Private cooking lesson with Executive Chef Peter Beck*

**New York Indian Film Festival** - 2 tickets

**Invisalign**

**Sponsor a Workshop**

**Signed Bill Clinton baseball**

**Godfather cast-autographed mini movie poster**

**Michael Jackson autographed record**

**Tom Hanks autographed item**

**Willie Mays autographed photo**

## *Raffle Items*

**Red Carpet appearance with Manish Dayal at IFFLA 2013**

**Samrat Chakraborty +1 to NYIFF opening night**

**Kailash Kher Concert - 2 tickets on May 11th**

**Lunch with Actor Pooja Kumar**

**Lunch with Actor Ami Sheth**

**Lunch with Actor Manu Narayan**

**Coffee with Actor Arjun Gupta**

**Media training/behind the scenes with Fox29 Philadelphia Reporter Kerry Barnett (2 hours)**

**Styling package with celebrity Stylist Natasha Hafez (closet consultation, fashion styling, personal shopping guidance and tips for client in NYC or LA)**

**Workout session with LA/Manhattan celebrity personal trainer and model Anthony Ferkel**

**Cockpit Tour with Delta Airlines Captain, John Bratun**

**Gift vouchers (\$500 value) to upscale Eurochasse boutique in Greenwich, CT.**

**Kadod Coffee Book & Tour of Kadod High School with Nanubhai Fellow**

# Tonight's Special Guests



## **Raj Shah, Founder & Chairman**

Raj is the Founder and President of the Nanubhai Education Foundation. Previously, he was a Special Assistant in the US Department of Defense. Raj serves as a reserve F-16 pilot in the United States Air Force where he completed a tour in Iraq. He has also worked as consultant at McKinsey & Co., assisting clients in both the public and private sectors. Raj holds degrees from Princeton University and The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Soros Fellow. On a lighter note, Raj loves traveling through India – on his last visit he survived a motorcycle trip from Delhi to Leh on an Enfield Bullet.



## **Nita Nehru, Executive Director**

Nita is the Executive Director of the Nanubhai Education Foundation. Prior to joining Nanubhai, Nita worked as the Director of Marketing for Avana Microinsurance, a start-up social enterprise. She has also served as a consultant to socially-minded organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme and Endeavor in Chile. She holds a B.A. in International Relations and History from Claremont McKenna College and a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. When finding herself with down time, Nita enjoys traveling to tropical destinations and trying as many new restaurants as possible.



**MANISH DAYAL -**  
**Nanubhai Education**  
**Foundation Spokesman**

**Actor Bio**

Born and raised in South Carolina, Manish Dayal has appeared in projects for Film, Television, and Theater. Manish most recently played Raj Kher, a college freshman, suffering from a terminal illness on The CW hit series “90210.” Other recent TV credits include: The Good Wife (CBS), Law & Order: Criminal Intent (10th series finale on USA), CSI: Las Vegas (CBS), Rubicon (AMC), and Outsourced (NBC). His most recent film credits include: *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Domino Effect*, *White Frog*, *Breaking The Girl*, *Leashed* and *Walkaway*. Manish also played the lead in The New Group's twice-extended off-Broadway comedy hit, *Rafta Rafta*, named by Entertainment Weekly as one of the 10 best plays of the year. Next up, Manish begins production on the new ABC family series, *Switched At Birth*, which is shooting in Los Angeles.



### **SAMRAT CHAKRABORTI – Actor**

Samrat holds a MFA in Acting from Harvard University. His acting roles have included 30 Rock (NBC), In Treatment (HBO), Damages (FX), A Gifted Man (CBS), Bored To Death (HBO), Law and Order (NBC), The Sopranos (HBO) and All My Children (ABC). He is also an established international musician.



### **SENDHIL RAMAMURTHY – Actor**

Sendhil stars as Jai Wilcox on USA Network's "Covert Affairs." Ramamurthy portrayed Dr. Mohinder Suresh, for five seasons of NBC's "Heroes". He also guest stars on two episodes of NBC's "The Office" and "CSI Miami" and "Psych" alongside co-star/director and cousin, Jay Chandrasekhar.



### **AMI SHETH – Actor/Model**

Ami's work experience has been with CBS, ABC, Cartoon Network, Discovery Inc, Imaginasian TV, MOJO network, and MTV Desi. Ami shot a TV show with Discovery Inc and Animal Planet in which she was able to utilize her Education in Veterinary Medicine alongside her love of acting.



### **INDRANI PAL CHAUDHURI– Actor**

Indrani is a renowned photographer, director, actress, author and digital artist.. Indrani co-founded SEEschool.org, which provides free education to over 300 impoverished children and women. Indrani stars in Bravo's "Double Exposure," a docu-drama series co-starring Lady Gaga, Kim Kardashian, Naomi Campbell, Lindsay Lohan, Dita Von Teese and friends, behind the scenes of her glamorous and dramatic photo shoots.



### **POOJA KUMAR– Actor**

Pooja has been in major ad campaigns for Pepsi, Budweiser, American On-Line, Verizon, Bombay Dreams, Dodge, and others. She has also produced and starred in two short films called "1001 Auditions" and "Shoot My Life." She was recently seen on the big screen in, "Man on a Ledge", with Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks, and Ed Harris. Her latest project is Vishwaroop, starring opposite the legend, Kamal Haasan.



### **SEEMA MODY– Reporter**

Seema Mody is a reporter on CNBC. She was previously an anchor and reporter at CNBC-TV18 in Mumbai, India. Mody is a graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle where she holds a B.S. in Biological Sciences. During her freshman year, she co-authored and published a research paper on the efficiency of medical heart valves for the American Heart Journal.



### **ARJUN GUPTA- Actor**

Arjun can currently be seen on Showtime's hit series *NURSE JACKIE*. He portrays 'Sam,' a part of the hospital's nursing team who has a fondness for prescription pills, alcohol and sex. In his feature film debut, Arjun worked alongside Uma Thurman and Minnie Driver in *MOTHERHOOD*. Gupta can next be seen in the independent feature, *THE OSSINING PROJECT* starring Christian Camargo and Bobby Cannavale and produced by the Untitled Film Collective.



### **MANU NARAYAN – Actor/Singer**

Manu was a lead in A.R. Rahman / Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway musical *Bombay Dreams*. Most recently, he costarred in the Kennedy Center's revival of Terrance McNally's *The Lisbon Traviata*, *Yeast Nation*, and was Cyrano in the classic play of the same name at Baltimore CenterStage. Film credits include ' *A Cinderella Story: Once Upon a Song*, *Good Night / Good Morning*, and *The Love Guru*. Manu is also a musician and has sung all over the world most notably for the Queen of England. Manu is lead singer of the band Darunam.



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## 2012 New York City Gala Team

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