

Sajeela Kershi presents...



IMMIGRANT DIARIES

"Statistics don't tell the real story of immigrants, people do."

Brighton Fringe, Venue 247, Blue Man
May 9 -10, 16 - 17, 23 – 24, 30 – 31

"Hilariously entertaining...genius idea for a show"

★★★★ (Latest 7)

Immigration is a hot topic dividing Brits. How many are there? How does it effect us? Who are these bloody immigrants? Isn't it time we heard from them?

For Immigrant Diaries, comedians Sajeela Kershi and Sameena Zehra have teamed up to bring audiences their captivating true-life stories, but also those of their special guests from the world of comedy, entertainment and beyond, including EastEnders actress Shobu Kapoor.

Sajeela's parents arrived in the UK in the early hours of a cold winter's morning with all their possessions, three children and 3000 cigarettes stuffed into a Scooby-Doo van. Fellow comedian Sameena Zehra was born in the UK and sent back to Kashmir to live with her grandmother, where she learned to fight off terrorists like they were angry mosquitoes.

These are just some of the funny, poignant, ridiculous and sublime stories from those who chose to live and work on this marvellously multi-cultural island.

"Empowering" ★★★★★(Asian Culture Vulture)

"Hilariously entertaining★★★★ (Latest7)

"A must see and never forget" ★★★★★(Broadway Baby)

Listings:

Immigrant Diaries

Venue: Blue Man (143)

8, Queens Road

Brighton

East Sussex

BN1 3WA

Dates: May 9 -10, 16 - 17, 23 – 24, 30 - 31

Time: 5.45pm

Ticket: £7/£5 - 1hr

Brighton Fringe Box office - 01273 917272

With rotating line-up of guests including: Shobu Kapoor, Shyama Perera, Juliet Meyers, David Mills, Jason Patterson, Inder Manocha, Sarah Benetto, Jo Lau, Paul Ricketts, Giada Garafolo.

Biographies:

Sajeela Kershi has been performing stand-up since 2006. She got her big break as one of the audience 'plants' in Brendon Burns's 2007 if.comedy-winning show, *So I Suppose This Is Offensive Now?* Since then Sajeela has written several shows for the Edinburgh Fringe festival and was a finalist at the Hackney Empire New Act Awards in 2011. This year Sajeela has been shortlisted for an Asian Woman of the Year Award (Arts & Culture section). For more information, visit: [facebook.com/SajeelaKershi](https://www.facebook.com/SajeelaKershi) and Twitter: @SajeelaKershi

Sameena Zehra is an accomplished actor, comedian and storyteller. Her acting credits include working with Salman Rushdie on the adaptation of *Midnight's Children* for the RSC at The Barbican. Sameena's comedy career took off soon after she started stand up in 2010. Her debut solo show *Tea With Terrorists* has taken her all over the UK, and all over the globe, to various fringes and festivals. For more information, visit: www.sameenazehra.com

Immigrant Diaries will also run at London's Southbank on April 24. The show will transfer to the Edinburgh Fringe in August (watch www.edfringe.com for updates).

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