# Kanika Asavari Vaish

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### **EDUCATION**

Columbia University School of the Arts, New York, NY

August 2019 - Present

M.F.A. in Playwriting

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

August 2013 - May 2017

B.A. in English Literature (with honors) and Political Science

### **ADMINISTRATION**

### Fresh Lime Soda Productions, New York, NY

January 2020 - Present

Co-founder and Artistic Director

- Hosted company launch and staged reading of original one-act Ghost Play for 100+ attendees
- Organize workshops, staged readings, and watch parties of new online works both in person and via Zoom for South Asian theater community, with membership from around the globe

## Wellesley College Shakespeare Society, Wellesley, MA

January 2014 - May 2017

Vice President

- Revised organization policies and updated applications to increase representation among society members
- Managed application processes, coordinated campus-wide holiday performances and lectures, advertised on social media, collaborated with campus organizations, and met regularly with school administration

## Atlantic Theater Company, New York, NY

October 2019 - February 2020

Community Outreach Ambassador

Collaborated with local businesses and cultural organizations to welcome and cultivate underrepresented audiences
at Atlantic events through open mics, community leader mixers, discounted sales, and post-show talkbacks

## White & Case LLP, Washington, D.C.

June 2017 – June 2019

St. Andrew's Auditorium, Mumbai, India

Legal Assistant, International Arbitration Group

- Acted as primary assistant to trial coordinator during two-week hearing at World Bank location in Paris, including managing all trial logistics, assisting witnesses, and providing support to team of 15 attorneys
- Researched corruption in international arbitration for treatise authored by a Partner of the firm
- Revised, proofread, and prepared legal documents for hearings and submissions in a timely manner

## WRITING

## Plays

- Arjun's Dilemma full-length
- Charles B. Meyer v. The Republic of Malaysia full-length
- Ghost Play one-act
- Nocturnal Admissions one-act
- The Divine Feminine one-act
- We Resume one-act

#### **Pilots**

- Please Clap, half-hour dark comedy
- Disorientation, half-hour comedy

### **Fiction**

- Jet Lag (recipient of the Charlotte Paul Reese '38 Memorial Prize for Creativity in a Collection of Short Fiction)
- Continuum

## **Speeches**

- "Growing with Wellesley" Wellesley College commencement speech finalist, published in Counterpoint magazine
- "Interphase" American School of Bombay class-nominated graduation speech

The Importance of Being Earnest

## DIRECTING

Miss Prism

| Director          | Guards at the Taj               | Diana Chapman Walsh Alumnae Hall, Wellesley, MA |
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| Director          | Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo | Diana Chapman Walsh Alumnae Hall, Wellesley, MA |
| Asst. Director    | Return to the Forbidden Planet  | St. Andrew's Auditorium, Mumbai, India          |
| ACTING            |                                 |   |
| Claudia (Claudio) | Much Ado About Nothing          | Wellesley College Shakespeare Society           |
| Gonzalo           | The Tempest                     | Wellesley College Shakespeare Society           |
| Rocky             | The Rocky Horror Picture Show   | Wellesley College Shakespeare Society           |
| Calpurnia         | Iulius Caesar                   | Wellesley College Shakespeare Society           |