

= Huma Qureshi ( actress ) =

Huma Saleem Qureshi ( pronounced [ ʔuʔmaʔ saʔlemʔ qureʔiʔ ] ; born 28 July 1986 ) is an Indian film actress and model , who has received three Filmfare Award nominations .

Qureshi obtained a bachelor 's degree in History Honours from the University of Delhi , She worked as a theatre actor and model . After working in several theatrical productions , she moved to Mumbai and signed a two @-@ year contract with Hindustan Unilever to appear in television commercials . During the shoot for a Samsung mobile commercial , Anurag Kashyap noticed her acting ability and signed her for a three @-@ film deal with his company .

Qureshi made her film debut with a supporting role in the two @-@ part crime drama Gangs of Wasseypur ( 2012 ) . Her performance in the film earned her several nominations , including the Filmfare Award for Best Female Debut and the Best Supporting Actress . That same year , she played the lead female role in the romance Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana , and followed it with a role in Ek Thi Daayan . She portrayed protagonists in the anthological Shorts ( 2013 ) , the black comedy Dedh Ishqiya ( 2014 ) , the revenge drama Badlapur ( 2015 ) , and the Marathi road drama Highway ( 2015 ) , and featured briefly in the collaborative film X : Past Is Present ( 2015 ) .

= = Early life and modelling career = =

Qureshi was born on 28 July 1986 into a Muslim family in New Delhi , India . Her father , Saleem Qureshi , is a restaurateur who runs a chain of restaurants ( Saleem 's ) ; her mother , Ameena Qureshi ( a Kashmiri ) , is a housewife . She has three brothers that includes actor Saqib Saleem . The family relocated to Kalkaji , South Delhi , when Qureshi was a child . She completed her bachelor 's in History Honours from the Gargi College ? University of Delhi . Later , she joined Act 1 theatre group and performed in few theatre productions . Qureshi has worked with several NGOs and assisted a documentary filmmaker .

In 2008 , she moved to Mumbai to audition for film roles , auditioning for a film Junction which was never made : " I never thought of coming to Mumbai or being an actress . But when my friend called me for an audition for a movie called Junction , it set me thinking . Sadly , the film never got made " . Qureshi signed a two @-@ year contract with Hindustan Unilever to appear in their television commercials . She promoted a range of products , including Samsung Mobile ( with Aamir Khan ) , Nerolac ( with Shah Rukh Khan ) , Vita Marie , Saffola Oil , Mederma Cream and Pears Soap . During a shoot for a Samsung Mobile commercial , director Anurag Kashyap was impressed with her acting ability and promised to use her in a film . Qureshi recalled , " I didn 't believe him then . You hear lots of such stories in this industry so I wasn 't waiting with bated breath " . Kashyap kept his promise , though , signing her for a three @-@ film deal with his company Anurag Kashyap Films .

= = Acting career = =

= = = Debut and breakthrough = = =

Qureshi was initially scheduled to make her film debut with the Billa II , a Tamil gangster @-@ thriller , directed and produced by Chakri Toleti , after surviving an audition out of 700 candidates . Although cast as the female lead , when the film was delayed , Qureshi left the project to honour other work commitments . When asked about if she have any regressions , she said : " I have no regrets . I wish it had worked out but it didn 't . I am not someone who sits and laments over things . I was approached for several other south films too but the roles weren 't what I was looking for " .

Qureshi made her feature film debut with a supporting role in the Anurag Kashyap 's critically acclaimed two @-@ part crime drama Gangs of Wasseypur ? Part 1 ( 2012 ) , where Qureshi was cast as the supportive wife of a criminal ( played by Nawazuddin Siddiqui ) . She described her character as a small @-@ town airhead who thinks she is the prettiest girl in the village : " Mohsina

tries to copy everything she sees on the big screen in her own little ways . She is heavily influenced by Bollywood " . The film premiered at the 65th Cannes Film Festival , and both the film and Qureshi received positive reviews from critics Govind Nihalani noted her screen presence , comparing the actress to Smita Patil : " an earthiness , sincerity , intensity and warmth of personality , qualities that distinguished Smita , apart from the fact that she was a very fine and instinctive actress . Huma is a good enough actress on her own , someone who can stand apart from the crowd and hold her own " . Taran Adarsh of Bollywood Hungama noted , " Huma Qureshi , who 's introduced much later in the film ... is wonderful " . The Express Tribune added , " When it comes to looks , [ Huma ] is different from the typical Bollywood actors " . In 2012 Qureshi was ranked third , the highest female position , on Rediff.com 's annual list of " Bollywood 's Top Ten Debutants " ( male and female ) . Following the success of the first part , she reprised her role of Mohsina in the second instalment of the Gangs of Wasseypur series , Gangs of Wasseypur ? Part 2 . The film premiered in the Cannes Directors ' Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival with its prequel . It opened to wide critical acclaim , and her portrayal again received positive reviews . Madhureeta Mukherjee of The Times of India said " Huma Qureshi , with her gaudy clothes , designer sun @-@ glasses and unusual attractiveness is the hottest cheez in Wasseypur . She beautifully lends support as a powerful man 's ' prouder ' better @-@ half , even in his worst crimes " , and Taran Adarsh found her " simply fantastic " . Both films earned her Best Female Debut and Best Supporting Actress nominations at several award ceremonies ( including the Filmfare Award ) . Qureshi described Gangs of Wasseypur as a " life @-@ changing film " .

That same year , Qureshi completed her three @-@ film contract with Anurag Kashyap Films by starring in Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana , a romantic comedy , which describes a quest for an ancient family dish chicken Khurana . Directed by Sameer Sharma , she played the role of a feisty Punjabi girl , Harman ( star Kunal Kapoor 's love interest ) . The film was a financial success , and Rediff.com noted that " Huma Qureshi looks right for the role and she delivers a wonderful performance " . Aniruddha Guha of Daily News and Analysis said , " [ Qureshi ] , on the other hand , is charming as the fiery Punjabi , Harman . Her refreshingly natural acting style impresses again in a role that has shades of her character in the Gangs of Wasseypur " . However , Anupama Chopra found her performance to be a " little bland " .

= = = Further works ( 2013 ? 15 ) = = =

For her next feature , Qureshi was cast as a witch in the supernatural thriller Ek Thi Daayan ( 2013 ) , alongside Emraan Hashmi , Konkona Sen Sharma and Kalki Koechlin . Dealing with the themes of witchcraft , the film was based on ' Mobius Trips ' , a short story written by Konkona Sen Sharma 's father . It received mixed reviews from critics , but proved to be a profitable venture at the box @-@ office . Qureshi 's performance was also well received . The Indian Express said : " Qureshi has just a few good moments , but makes the most of them " while , Koimoi noted that " Qureshi has a remarkably pleasant and confident screen presence " . Raja Sen particularly praised the female cast and wrote " The three leading ladies are smashing in their roles ... Each plays their given role with frighteningly good flair , and each deserves a big hand . " After appearing in Ek Thi Daayan , Qureshi along with R. Madhavan hosted the 60th ceremony of the National Film Awards , an event presented by the Directorate of Film Festivals to honor the Best Films of the year ( then 2012 ) in the Indian cinema by the President of India . The ceremony was held on May 3 , 2013 at the Vigyan Bhavan during the presidency of Pranab Mukherjee .

Shortly afterwards , Qureshi played the titular character in the short movie Sujata ? released as one of the segments of Shorts , an anthology film by Anurag Kashyap . She played the eponymous lead as a young girl who is struggling to come out of the clutches of her tormenting cousin brother ( played by Satya Anand ) . The film was screened at Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles before its release and received generally positive reviews , and Qureshi 's performance was critically acclaimed and earned her a Special Mention Award at the ceremony . Her subsequent release that year included the underworld drama D @-@ Day , in which she was featured as Zoya Rehman , an explosives R.A.W agent with an ensemble cast including Irfan Khan , Arjun Rampal , Rishi Kapoor

and Shruti Hassan . During the script narration , the director Nikhil Advani offered Qureshi the choice of which women to play , either Suraiya ( later played by Hassan ) or Zoya ; she decided on Zoya to expand her horizons as an actress . The film was a flop at the box office and received mixed feedback from critics , while Qureshi 's performance received favourable reviews ; Subhash K. Jha mentioned that Qureshi 's acting is " effortlessly appealing and effective . "

In 2014 , Qureshi featured in Abhishek Chaubey 's black comedy Dedh Ishqiya ( 2014 ) , a sequel to the 2010 film Ishqiya , co -starring Madhuri Dixit , Arshad Warsi and Naseeruddin Shah . Dedh Ishqiya was a commercial success with earning ₹ 270 million ( US \$ 4 @ . @ 1 million ) in India and abroad and Qureshi received praise for her portrayal of the promiscuous companion of a con woman ( played by Dixit ) . In a 5 -star review , Raja Sen commented that " Qureshi uses her fiercely intelligent eyes to great effect " , whilst Mohar Basu agreed , saying that " Huma Qureshi is brilliant and confident . The actress has in her the vivacious energy that proves her talent . " Qureshi 's last appearance of 2014 was Rochak Kohli 's music video " Mitti Di Khusboo " with Ayushmann Khurrana . India Today noted ; " The chemistry the two Ayushmann and Huma share onscreen has the raw flavor of the countryside romance " .

The following year , Qureshi appeared as a prostitute in Sriram Raghavan 's crime thriller Badlapur , alongside Varun Dhawan and Nawazuddin Siddiqui . Raja Sen praised her acting and wrote that she " is hauntingly good as a call -girl " . The film was a commercial success , and Qureshi received the Filmfare Best Supporting Actress nomination . Umesh Kulkarni 's Marathi film Highway , marked her debut in the marathi cinema . It received mixed reviews from critics , and proved to be a moderate box -office success . The same year she acted in the collaborative film X : Past Is Present . It was directed by a team of eleven filmmakers with Qureshi appearing in " Knot " , a segment directed by film critic Raja Sen , where she appeared alongside Anshuman Jha .

= = Upcoming projects = =

As of January 2016 , Qureshi has various projects at different stage of productions . She has finished filming for Zahhak , a remake of the Hollywood film Oculus , which will be directed by Prawaal Raman , and she will play the leading role along with her brother Saqib Saleem .

She will make her Malayalam debut with Uday Ananthan 's White opposite Mammooty , and English debut with Gurinder Chadha 's Viceroy 's House , which will be based on Lord Mountbatten 's few last days of stay in India before the country got its independence , and she will portray the role of Fatima Jinnah .

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= = Awards and nominations = =