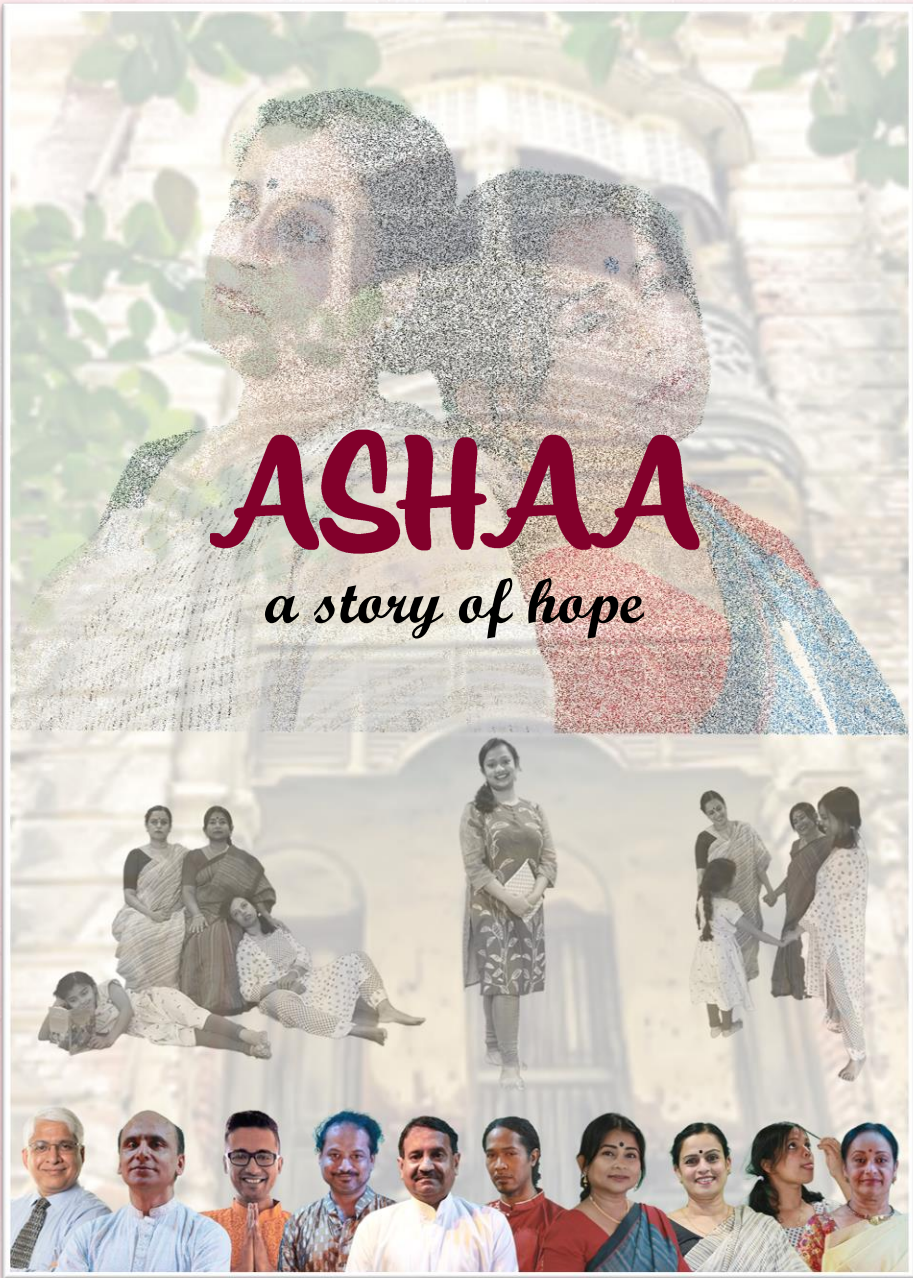


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Rani is a sweet young girl brought up with much love from her parents. Like all other girls her age, Rani attends university and enjoys spending time with her friends and dancing. During this time, she meets Neel, and they fall in love and promise to live a life full of happiness and joy.

Soon after, Rani finds herself in an abusive relationship with no respect. She sees her mother-in-law, Bakul, endures the same from her husband, Ashim. Neel has a sister named Millie, who is developmentally different. Bakul is constantly blamed for Millie's mental state. The only ray of hope is Bakul's friendship with Shyamal Babu. Shyamal Babu is a true friend who supported her and Millie through their tumultuous life with Ashim.

As years pass by, Rani gives birth to a beautiful daughter Rai. However, her father and grandfather never accepted Rai as both desired for a boy child. Neel's behavior towards her and Rai worsened over the years, prompting Rani to leave him and lead an independent life. All she wanted was to give Rai a wonderful and fulfilling life. But she and Rai missed Bakul and Millie immensely.

Eventually, she hears the news of Ashim's demise. She goes immediately and convinces Bakul and Millie to move in with her. This incident allows Rani to provide Millie with the support needed to thrive and be happy. The story concludes by showing Rani overcoming all her challenges and empowering other women in her life. The journey was not easy, but she eventually emerged triumphant. Above all, she gave a happy life to her beloved daughter Rai.



# Cast & Crew



## ACTING

Jayita Banerjee  
Mini Jairaj  
Sampurna Dutta Bhattacharya  
Klinton Halliday  
Anandi Roy  
Indra Awasthi  
Uma Sriram  
Sandhi Bhide  
Gidu Sriram  
Ayan Das  
Indrani Biswas  
Mini Sharma Ogle  
Tara Chatterjee  
Arnab Saha

RANI  
BAKUL  
MILLIE  
NEEL  
RAI  
ASHIM  
SUMANA  
SUDEEP  
SHYAMAL BABU  
SAMEER  
ESHA  
NALINI  
BABY RAI  
AKAASH

## VOICE

Meenakshi Aggarwal  
Sohinee Bhattacharya  
Anjana Kulkarni  
Rahul Mukerjee  
Anandi Roy  
Rajeeb Hazra  
Dipanwita roy  
Arvind Kumar  
Saumya Banerjee  
Anindit Mukherjee  
Shweta Upadhyay  
Sanjukta Chatterjee  
Anushri & Sunnidhi  
Jahgirdar  
Arnab Saha

## DANCERS

Neel's Friends

Pritam, Manasi, Arnab, Blake, Arvind, Suman, Elliot, Praveen & Mini

Rani's Friends

Sujata, Sayanti, Prajokta, Indrani, Mohana, Moumita & Ankita

Rai's Friends

Jahnvi, Ruhi, Ira, Tiyasha, Shanaya, Rudrani & Tara

Bollywood dancers

Deepa, Rupali, Priya, Deepti, Sonali, Arnab, Pritam, Abhinav, Elliot & Amogh

Millie's friends from NGO

Sneha, Anjali, Anna, Sarah, Nikita & Manali

## DANCE COACHES & CHOREOGRAPHERS

Mini Sharma Ogle, Dipa Bharve, Mini Jairaj, Sampurna Dutta  
Bhattacharya, Jayita Banerjee, Prajokta Ray, Indrani Biswas, Lahoma,  
Paromita Ghatak Chatterjee

## MUSIC

Bhaskar Ganguly, Ayan Das, Sudipto  
Naskar

## DECORATION & PROPS

Dipanwita Roy, Srabani De, Tanushree Nag,  
Chaitali Chattopadhyay, Mithu Dasgupta

## SCREENPLAY

Tania Chatterjee, Jayita Banerjee

## COSTUMES

Tanushree Nag, Jayita Banerjee, Mini Jairaj,  
Tania Chatterjee, Sampurna Dutta  
Bhattacharya

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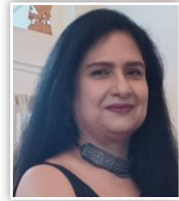
MaitreePDX, a Portland-based NPO, was formed in 2018 as nine like-minded friends came together in a unified vision: to reach out, uplift, and bring a smile on the lips of the underprivileged women and children of the US and the Indian subcontinent. We, at MaitreePDX, recognized that as blessed as we are, many of our fellow brothers and sisters in India struggle for life's basic amenities, a desire that has universal resonance. As time progressed, MaitreePDX expanded its wings to come to the aid of the disadvantaged, irrespective of age and gender.



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## What we do

Our journey began by screening Bangla movies and selling "chatpatas" to raise funds for Anjali and Prajaak, two well known charity organizations supporting destitute women and orphan children in West Bengal.

In June 2020, MaitreePDX hosted "Sur Bandhan", a musical webinar to raise funds for those impacted by the devastation of the Amphan cyclone. In April 2021, MaitreePDX raised funds to donate Oxygen concentrators to India during the peak of the pandemic. Both times MaitreePDX worked closely with MUKTI, a renowned, Kolkata-based NGO focused on socioeconomic betterment, in the disbursement of funds.

During the mental health crisis in the wake of the pandemic, MaitreePDX hosted a mental health webinar with distinguished guest speakers to provide needed resources to the community.

Our pre-Diwali endeavor, **Sweets for Smiles**, was met with resounding success, and the sweetness was spread far and beyond to the children of ANTYODOY ANANTH ASHRAM where you and MaitreePDX enveloped them in warm clothing during the chilly winter months. MaitreePDX has also worked with MY ABHILASHA, an NGO benefitting over 5,000 children, to donate clothes and blankets.



We at MaitreePDX have supported most of the aforementioned charities multiple times over the last few years to help achieve some of their missions. As a result, MaitreePDX established its credibility as a strong pillar of support. In the Portland Metro Area, MaitreePDX sponsors one meal for 50-100 people each month through Blanchet House, Rose Haven, and Sonrise Church. MaitreePDX has also donated lunches for COVID-19 nurses to thank them for their sacrifices during the pandemic.





## What we do

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In the past year alone, MaitreePDX has supported multiple organizations in India and the US namely

- Donation of Welcome Boxes for foster children in Washington and Clackamas County on behalf of everychildpdx.org
- Donation to PURBASHA for building and construction of Purbasha Rural Child Education Center in Sundarban Coastal India
- Donation to MY ABHILASHA for computers
- Donation to ANTYODOY ANATH ASHRAM to build a classroom for the foster children.
- Donation to ISHWAR SANKALPA for performing cataract operations for the abused, harassed, and homeless women

This year, as we continue to grow as an organization towards empowerment of the underprivileged, we are proud to present ASHAA, a play that speaks about the issues in our current society and advocates for women empowerment, mental health awareness and bond of friendship. Through our current fundraiser, MaitreePDX will be supporting the construction of a community center in the Sundarbans for [PURBASHA](#), a non-profit involved and engaged in protecting our ecosystem, and enforcing sustainability in the Sundarbans in West Bengal. This community center will be used for multiple purposes: from hosting medical camp, tailoring, agricultural training class to provide shelter during inclement weather this community center will serve the needs of the people living in the Purbasha Rural area.

This year, MaitreePDX is also raising funds for [ANTYODOY ANATH ASHRAM](#), an orphanage for abandoned children in Paunsi, a remote village in the Medinipore district of West Bengal. It currently houses approximately 170 children who receive technology education as well as vocational training to make them financially independent. Through our fundraiser, we will support the procurement of jute cutting equipment for handicrafts, as well as buying new computers and printers. These additions will enhance their vocational and technical program for the future.

MaitreePDX is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

