



Deeyah Khan

Deeyah Khan was born in Norway, to immigrant parents of Pashtun and Punjabi ancestry. She grew up in a close-knit family surrounded by artists and intellectuals. When she was still a child of seven, her father encouraged her to study music. By the age of 15, she had collaborated with many pop, folk and jazz legends and recorded her first solo album. Later, she turned her focus to art and activism. She now engages in projects across artistic disciplines, including film-making and digital media initiatives, through her own production company-Fuuse. Fuuse aims to create intercultural dialogue and understanding through highlighting excluded perspectives and alternative views.

Deeyah Khan directed and produced "Banaz: A Love Story", a documentary which addresses the phenomenon of honour killings within immigrant communities in Europe. The film was screened at international film festivals throughout 2012 and broadcast on national television in the UK, as well as across Europe and North America, winning critical acclaim and prestigious awards. This film won a Peabody and an Emmy award, and it earned a British Royal Television Society Award nomination. This was followed by the documentary "Jihad: A story of the others", which explored the motivations of former Islamic extremists, and was nominated for a BAFTA and Grierson award in the UK.

She also founded "sister-hood", an online magazine devoted to providing a platform for the opinions of women of Muslim heritage, particularly those opinions that challenge the status quo. Featuring established writers alongside first-time contributors, "sister-hood" is creating a new space for the voices of women and girls of Muslim heritage in which to share their opinions, experiences, poetry and artwork.

In all her projects, Deeyah Khan is driven by a commitment to human rights, and social activism, and is committed to creating a more diverse and inclusive public discourse through media and the arts.



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