

# CASTING CALL



## PRODUCTION INFO

Title	Queen of Hearts	Writer	Rukhsana Ahmad
Length	30 minutes	Director	Harmage Singh Kalirai

**Description** “In this light-hearted duologue, a fading Bollywood star struggles to reconcile how she sees herself, versus how the world perceives her in age. Sparks fly as her younger self arrives to question her memories and ego, and to suggest that maybe it’s time to slow down and embrace aging.”

The production is presented by Sampad as part of Celebrating Age, a dedicated season of work aiming to showcase older artists and performers whilst also giving **MAC’s visitors who are 65+ opportunities to try new things and engage with new art forms along the way.**

## CHARACTER INFO – Lalita Devi (older and younger self)

*We are looking to cast 2 South Asian women, based in Birmingham or the West Midlands. As the character has a Bollywood background, dance experience is desirable.*

**Lalita Older self, age 58, present day** A former film star from Chennai. Attractive, glamorous and well-spoken but now definitely older. She is slightly bored of her forced retirement and frustrated in her search for a role that would reflect her earlier status.

**Lalita Younger self, age 25** In her youth, Lalita was a stunner and known as a feisty feminist. Smart and good looking, enjoys her celebrity status; but she is quick tempered and abrupt, a bit brash.

## SCHEDULE AND CONTRACT OFFER

The chosen actors must be available for, and commit to, all below bookings at MAC (B12 9QH):

• Mon 6 Dec – Fri 10 Dec 2021	<i>General rehearsals x5</i>
• Mon 13 Dec – Wed 15 Dec 2021	<i>General rehearsals x3</i>
• Thu 16 Dec 2021	<i>Technical / dress rehearsal</i>
• Fri 17 Dec 2021	<i>Performances at 2pm and 5pm</i>
• Sat 18 Dec 2021	<i>Performances at 2pm and 5pm</i>

**Fees:** £494 per week, for 2 weeks

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be made with CVs and headshots to: [info@sampad.org.uk](mailto:info@sampad.org.uk) with Queen of Hearts in the subject line, or by post to:  
Sampad, c/o Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston, Birmingham B12 9QH.

<b>Application deadline</b>	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021
<b>Audition invites sent</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021
<b>Audition date</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November, 09:30-18:00, MAC