

DU alumni Nandita Das , Rasika Dugal and Tahir Raj Bhasin : Cannes 2018



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The cast of *Manto* **Nandita Das** (BA Geog Hons MH MSW Delhi School of Social Work) Nawazuddin Siddiqui , **Rasika Dugal** (BSc Hons Maths 2004 LSR) and **Tahir Raj Bhasin** (BA Hons Pol Sc 2010 Hindu) line up before the film's screening .

Actress and Filmmaker **Nandita Das** and Nawazuddin Siddiqui were at the Cannes Film Festival 70 France for the curtain-raiser of their film, *Manto* .

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alumna **Nandita Das** – directed Nawaz's *Manto* premieres at Cannes 2018



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Nawazuddin Siddiqui as *Manto* in **Nandita Das's** *Manto*

“And it is possible that Saadat Hasan dies, but *Manto* remains alive,” Nawazuddin Siddiqui posted online on Thursday 12.04.2018 to announce that his upcoming biopic based on the life of the *celebrated playwright-author Saadat Hasan Manto* is selected for competition at the Cannes film Festival. The Nandita Das directorial was screened in the **Un Certain Regard** section, alongside films like Vanessa Filho's *Angel Face*, Ali Abbasi's *Grans (Border)*, Valeria Golino's *Euphoria* and Wanuri Kahiu's *Rafiki (Friend)*, among others .

Nandita, too, took to Facebook to thank her well-wishers and said she will be putting finishing touches to the film .

Having been on the **Cannes Jury twice** and as an audience there many a time, she stated that the festival is **truly a haven for film lovers**.

“I look forward to seeing how the audience there reacts to this film that I have *lived with for almost seven years*. For me, this film and everything else that I do will always remain *a means to trigger conversations, a small step towards 'the world we want to see,'* she maintained” .