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### **'NOOR INAYAT KHAN: THE FORGOTTEN SPY' PREMIERES AT THE HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL**

*Indian-Thai actress and writer Almanya Narula makes her LA stage debut as Noor Inayat Khan: Indian princess, British spy, Gestapo enemy #1.*

**LOS ANGELES, California, May 17, 2022** – 'Noor Inayat Khan: The Forgotten Spy' will premiere at the 2022 Hollywood Fringe Festival. Created by and starring Indian-Thai actress and writer Almanya Narula, the solo show is backed by an all-female South Asian production team.

Born into an Indian family of Sufi royalty, **Noor Inayat Khan** is a British spy who fought the Nazis and played an integral role in the allied victory of World War II. In this “heroic, thrilling, and compelling” imagining of the last 30 minutes of her life, Noor’s decisions will forever change the tide of a war we thought we knew everything about. Now cornered by the Nazis with nothing but death assured to her, she will remind us who she is, why she matters and why she will always be a part of history.

Noor Inayat Khan is one of over 1.2 million people of Indian descent who contributed to World War II but were left out of the history books. This show brings her story and sacrifice to the forefront.

The show will run from June 3rd – June 26th at The Broadwater Black Box Theatre.

Jun 3rd 7p PST  
Jun 11th 7p PST  
Jun 19 4:30p PST  
Jun 24th 6p PST  
June 26th 2p PST

Tickets are free and available [here](#).

Writer, actor and fight choreographer Almanya Narula holds a B.A. in Theatre & Advanced Management from Columbia College Chicago, an M.A. in New Arts Journalism from School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and is currently a student at Stella Adler: Art of Acting Conservatory. The show will be co-directed by J. Mehr Kaur and co-produced by Meghna Chakraborty.



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\*\*\*Here is the [link](#) for the production poster and production shots.

### **ABOUT NOOR INAYAT KHAN**

In 1943, Noor Inayat Khan, former children's book author, Sufi singer, and direct descendant of the Indian Emperor Tipu Sultan became the first woman and Indian to be sent out as a spy & wireless operator under Churchill's orders to Nazi France.

Her work in the field saved many lives that were very instrumental to D-Day. But after betrayal by a double agent, Noor was caught and kept in Avenue Foch for questioning. Following several escape attempts Noor was forced to sign a document to either declare that she was staying put or be subject to 'Nacht und Nebel' (Night and Fog) – disappearance without a trace by sending the captive to a concentration camp.

In the end Noor was a pacifist who fought savagely, a clumsy klutz who managed to climb building after building, a Sufi with a "no lying code" who lied constantly, and an artist who braved torture.