

Mr. Chintan Pandya is an actor, director and writer and has acted in or directed many stage-plays, television serials and films as well as documentaries. Founder of the TransIndus Foundation (2008) and Fanatika (2010), he has been the head of arts and culture section for the Alliance Française d'Ahmedabad (French Cultural Centre) for as many as 13 years. He has trained with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and Central School of Speech and Drama (CSSD) - University of London through the British Council and holds a Masters in Arts, Design and Communication with Major in Theatre from the CEPT University.

Invited at the International Theatre Laboratory in Italy as the Resident Artist in 2014, he has been regularly invited to Europe and Africa (France, Portugal, Luxembourg, Senegal) to conduct workshops and master classes or present performances. In 2015, he was invited at the prestigious "Théâtre du Soleil" of Arianne Mnouchekine in Paris to perform 'dramatic readings' of Indian plays translated in French. In the same year, he was sent to the Edinburgh Theatre Festival (the second largest international theatre festival) as the 'Official Indian Delegate' by the British Council.

At present, he is the lead actor in one of the top five European musical productions based on Bollywood and performs across Europe (France, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg) and Canada in French and English. He has penned and directed several plays in Gujarati and English and has been decorated the "Promising Theatre Artist" award by Vishalla - Vechaar Trust. He directs and curates the Fanatika International Theatre Laboratory Festival since 2012.