



## Shekhar Kapur

Visionary Filmmaker & Storyteller

Shekhar Kapur is a visionary filmmaker and storyteller who works at the intersection of art, myth and activism. Golden Globe-winning director Shekhar Kapur makes lush, international period films — such as *Elizabeth* and *The Four Feathers*, and Indian hits like *Mr. India* and *Bandit Queen*. "He was completely and utterly unusual, and deeply unafraid." *Cate Blanchett, in Time*

### TOPICS:

- Creativity
- Education
- Art, Myth and Activism
- Storytelling

### LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

### IN DETAIL:

Kapur's short film "Passages" is part of the October 2009 film anthology *New York, I Love You*. He also sat on the judging panel for 1 Minute to Save the World, a competition for short films about climate change. (And yes, last summer, he was a judge on India's Got Talent.) His forthcoming film *Paani*, the Hindi word for water, explores Mumbai's shrinking supply of water and its distribution underworld. Equally at home in Hollywood and Bollywood, he's also a comics mogul; in 2006 he co-founded Virgin Comics as a venue for turning Indian and Hindu myths into pop-culture icons. Born of parents from a generation that was caught in the wave of optimism of a newly Independent India, but confronted by the harsh realities of being refugees from their homeland (now Pakistan) Shekhar often attributes his essentially nomadic lifestyle to a never ending search for his roots he inherited from his parents.

### WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Shekhar's energies are focused on the environment, with Water as a passion. His new film *Paani* (Water in Hindi) is a peek into the near future of a Mega City where scarcity of water has led to a civil war, as water shortage is being used as a weapon of social and economic control.

### HOW HE PRESENTS:

Renowned for his creativity and intellect, Shekhar is an insightful, inspirational and thought-provoking Speaker, who is in great demand by corporate clients the world over.