

# 'Real Life' the Inspiration for 'Foreign': Director Rahul Nath

By a Staff Reporter

Puja Mohindra stars as a young Indian immigrant in a new NRI-produced film that addresses uncomfortable issues in a compelling way. "Foreign," which screens Aug. 14 at IndiaFest 2010 in downtown Los Angeles, is based on a true story, says debutant director Rahul Nath.

"The whole concept of 'Foreign' came from real life issues that I have seen growing up, as well as adding on the spice factors to pump it up for the screen," Nath said in a statement.

Nath is an actor ("Provoked,"



Puja Mohindra stars as an abused wife in "Foreign."



Stephan Singh and writer-director Rahul Nath in "Foreign."

"Hotel Hollywood") and dancer based in Los Angeles. He now branches out as a writer and di-

rector. "The film came about as I wanted to create roles that I had a big interest in playing, and also to take it upon myself to create roles for talented actors and actresses that I see around who are often left out of the limelight," he said.

"We are dealing with controversial issues of rape, abuse, infidelities and also stereotypical Indian behaviour that we as Indians tend to shy away from when it comes to confronting it," Nath explained.

"Foreign," from Nik/Nak Productions, tells the story of Radhika (Puja Mohindra), a young and naïve girl from India who is excited to get married and move to the United States. But she is shocked to learn that her husband (Stephan Singh) is abusive. When Radhika finds out that she is HIV-positive, her life takes an unexpected turn.

The film has been submitted to several leading film festivals, said Nath.

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