

KUMAIL NANJIANI

Bio

Kumail Nanjiani is an Oscar and Emmy-nominated writer and critically acclaimed actor and comedian.

Nanjiani debuted his first comedy special in twelve years, his second after *Beta Male*, titled *Night Thoughts*, which debuted on Hulu on December 19th 2025. This is following his stand-up comedy tour, “Kumail Nanjiani: Doing This Again,” where he performed across North America and Europe from 2024 into 2025. *Night Thoughts* was ranked number one on Vulture’s list of best comedy specials of the year, and Nanjiani received a Golden Globe nomination on behalf of the special.

Upcoming, Nanjiani and his wife, Emily V. Gordon, are adapting the comic book series, *Sex Criminals*, working as co-creators as well as executive producers under their company, Winter Coat Films. The show has landed series order at Amazon and is also being produced by LuckyChap.

Additionally, Nanjiani has been cast in the fourth season of HBO’s hit series, *The White Lotus*. He joins the cast alongside Helena Bonham Carter, Vincent Cassel, Max Greenfield, Chris Messina, and Alexander Ludwig. This new season from Mike White is set to take place in France.

Recently, Nanjiani took his turn into theater, starring in the critically acclaimed Broadway show *Oh, Mary!* as Mary’s husband alongside Jinkx Monsoon and Michael Urie.

Nanjiani and V. Gordon launched their own production company, Winter Coat Films, signing a first-look deal with Sony Pictures Television and partnering with Dani Melia, who will serve as president. Under their production company, Nanjiani and Gordon announced their new comedy film, *Compulsive Liar*, landed at Amazon MGM Studios, with Kumail co-writing and producing.

In television, Nanjiani had a recurring role in Hulu’s hit series *Only Murders in the Building* alongside Selena Gomez, Steve Martin and Martin Short. He won a SAG Award for his role for Best Ensemble in a Comedy Series. Additionally, Kumail was featured in the highly anticipated second season of *Fallout*.

On the film side, Kumail appeared in the new James L. Brooks film, *Ella McCay*, alongside Emma Mackey, Woody Harrelson, Jamie Lee Curtis and Albert Brooks. Produced by 20th Century, the film was released December 12th, 2025.

Nanjiani’s upcoming film and television slate is not slowing down any time soon. He was cast in the forthcoming teen road trip comedy from director Bobby Farrelly, *Driver’s Ed*, which he will lead alongside Molly Shannon. Nanjiani will star in Dylan Meyer’s directorial debut for NEON, *The Wrong Girls*. The film will follow codependent best friends who live paycheck to paycheck, when a case of mistaken identity throws their lives into chaos, and will star Kristen Stewart, Seth Rogen, Alia Shawkat, LaKeith Stanfield, and Tony Hale. Nanjiani joined the cast of *The Breadwinner*, a comedy feature that Eric Appel is directing for TriStar Pictures with an ensemble cast that includes Nate Bargatze, Will Forte, Colin Hanks and more. Lastly, Nanjiani has joined the

FX series *Very Young Frankenstein*, alongside Zach Galifianakis and inspired by the Mel Books-Gene Wilder Film *Young Frankenstein*.

Under his production company, Winter Coat Films, Nanjiani produced the feature from Jay Duplass, *See You When I See You*. The indie film stars Cooper Raiff, David Duchovny, Hope Davis, Kaitlyn Dever, Lucy Boynton, and Ariela Barer, and premiered at Sundance Film Festival 2026.

Nanjiani is featured in the second season of Peacock's critically acclaimed mystery series, *Poker Face*, created by Rian Johnson, who serves as director and executive producer via T-Street, and starring Natasha Lyonne. Nanjiani joins the series with a hard-hitting cast of guest stars including Cynthia Erivo, Giancarlo Esposito, John Mulaney, and many more. Season 2 premiered May 8 on Peacock.

Nanjiani earned an Emmy nomination in the category of "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie" for his compelling portrayal of Chippendales Founder Somen "Steve" Banerjee in Hulu's limited series, *Welcome to Chippendales*. The series, which aired on November 22, 2022, delves into the true story of Banerjee, the visionary Indian American entrepreneur behind Chippendales. Nanjiani starred alongside Murray Bartlett, Juliette Lewis, and Andrew Rannels. He also secured a nomination for "Best Actor in a Streaming Limited or Anthology Series or Movie" at the HCAs. The show earned five total Emmy nominations.

Additional past works of Nanjiani include the Universal Pictures animated film, *Migration*, and *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire*, which he starred in across from Paul Rudd and Carrie Coon. On the television side, Kumail had a role in Disney+ Star Wars prequel *Obi-Wan* opposite Ewan McGregor and directed by Deborah Chow.

Nanjiani starred in Marvel's widely acclaimed film, *Eternals*, which was released on November 5, 2021. The richly diverse cast includes Angelina Jolie, Salma Hayek, Richard Madden, Brian Tyree Henry, Lauren Ridloff, Don Lee and is directed by Two-Time Academy Award winning filmmaker Chloe Zhao.

Nanjiani and his wife Emily V. Gordon served as executive producers on the Apple TV+ series *Little America* with Lee Eisenberg, Alan Yang, and Joshua Bearman. Season 2 was released on December 9, 2022. Season 1 received nominations at the Independent Spirit Awards and BAFTA TV Awards. The show earned two nominations at the Independent Spirit Awards within the categories of 'Best Male Performance in a Scripted Series' and 'Best New Scripted Series' in addition to three nominations at the NAACP with two nominations for 'Outstanding Writing in A Comedy Series' and a nomination for 'Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series.'

In early 2020, Nanjiani and his wife created their own podcast "Staying In" with Emily & Kumail while in quarantine, which was ranked among several Top 10 Podcasts lists in addition to receiving a People's Choice Award nomination.

In 2017 Kumail and his wife Emily V. Gordon received an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay for *The Big Sick*, in which Nanjiani starred alongside Holly Hunter, Zoe

Kazan and Ray Romano. The film was named one of the AFI's Top Films of the Year and won the Critic's Choice Award for Best Comedy, the Hollywood Film Award for Comedy Ensemble of the Year and an Independent Spirit Award for Best First Screenplay. Additionally, the film earned two Independent Spirit Award nominations, a Producer's Guild Award nomination, two SAG Award nominations, a Writer's Guild and Gotham Award nomination. Nanjiani also earned the Santa Barbara Film Festival's Virtuoso Award, the San Diego International Film Festival's Auteur Award and was named one of VARIETY's 10 Actors to Watch.

Nanjiani starred as 'Dinesh' in the Emmy Award- winning HBO comedy series *Silicon Valley*, opposite Thomas Middleditch, Martin Starr and Zach Woods. Over the years, the series has won two Critic's Choice Awards for Best Comedy Series and has been named one of the AFI's TV Programs of the Year.

Nanjiani also voiced Jesus on the Fox animated series *Bless the Harts* with stars Kristen Wiig and Maya Rudolph that premiered last year. Nanjiani was nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Star in a Drama Series for his appearance in Jordan Peele's new take on the original 1959 TV Series *The Twilight Zone*.

Additional film credits include, *The Lovebirds*, *Stuber*, *Men In Black: International*, *Fist Fight*, *Mike And Dave Need Wedding Dates*, *The Five-Year Engagement*, and *Central Intelligence*. His vocal talents were heard voicing one of the ninja warriors in *The Lego Ninjago Movie* from Warner Bros. Additional television credits include: Comedy Central's *The Meltdown* with Jonah and Kumail, IFC's *Portlandia*, TNT's *Franklin & Bash*, FOX's *The X-Files* and NBC's *Community*.