

KHAN Director

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Kamal Khan, a filmmaker with 15+ years of experience, is based in Austin, Texas. He currently leads Gali Films, working on international projects across various formats.

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About

Kamal Khan, a University of Southern California and NYFA alumnus, has directed award-winning music videos, and commercials for clients across Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey, and Egypt.

His debut feature "Laal Kabootar" played at various film festivals including the Palm Springs International Film Festival, was Pakistan's Oscar entry, and currently streams on Roku. K

Direction. Editing. Production.



Feature Film

Laal Kabotar

A groundbreaking crime-thriller crafted with immense energy and attention to detail by director Kamal Khan. Considered the best crime thriller in Pakistani cinema, Laal was released in 2019 and was a game changer for the industry.







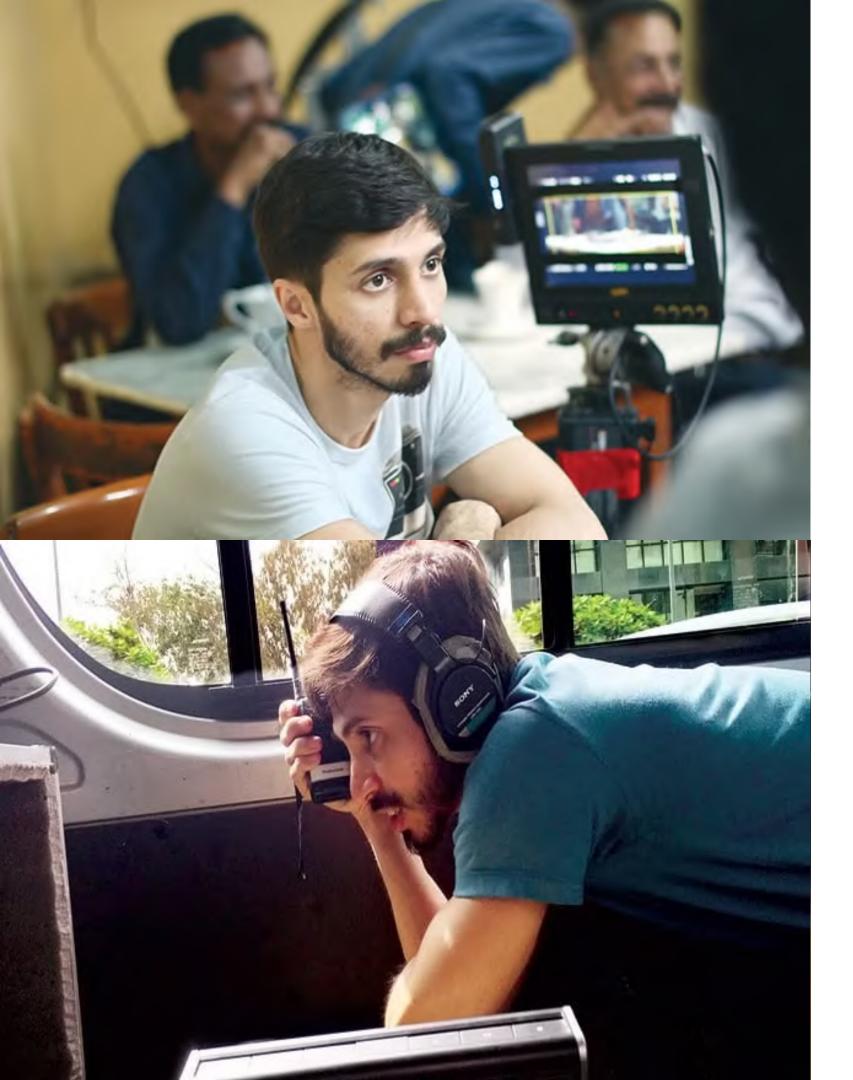
Laal Kabotar

It won Best Feature Film at 'Tasveer South Asian Film Festival', 'Lux Style Awards' and 'Vancouver International South Asian Film Festival'. Laal Kabootar had the honour to be selected as Pakistan's official entry for the 93rd Academy Awards. It has been picked up in 2024 by Roku for streaming across the USA.

2019







Press



Pakistan's Oscar entry 'Laal Kabootar' is Karachi noir par excellence

Kamal Khan's heady concoction of crime and class ties up well with South Korean actioners

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A still from 'Laal Kabootar'

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"Kamal Khan's Laal Kabootar comes across as a surprisingly slick and gripping thriller. It's a good mix of swag, stunts and sentiments with a great soundtrack to boot."

"Laal Kabootar explores the seedy underbelly of Karachi in a way we haven't seen before and through colourful characters, a tightly paced plot, great acting, and direction, affirms its status as a genuinely groundbreaking Pakistani film."

Review for film Laal Kabootar | Global Village Space

Review for film Laal Kabootar | The Express Tribune



"...music video director Kamal Khan's debut film Laal Kabootar might just be the film leading the charge of the 'nouvelle vague' (New Wave) of Pakistani film-makers."

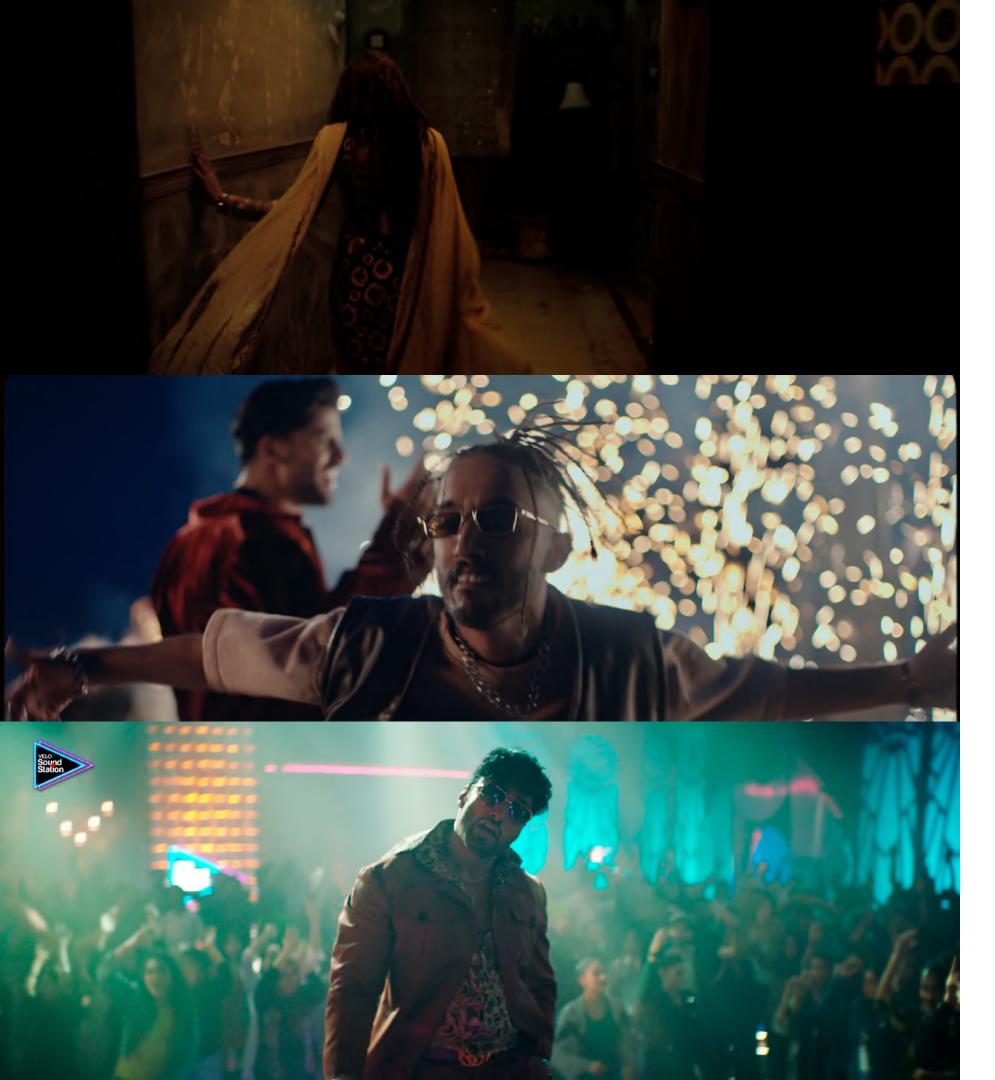


Series



Churais 2020

Kamal worked as an editor on "Churails," a groundbreaking web series for Zee5 (India). He edited half the season, including the pilot and finale, while also helping curate the music for the show. This 10-episode series was praised for its storytelling and social commentary. "Churails" won "Show of the Year" at the British Asian Media Awards 2020, marking a significant international breakthrough for Pakistan's entertainment industry.



Music Videos

MUSIC VICEOS

Kamal Khan has established himself as one of Pakistan's most esteemed and sought-after music video directors. His breakthrough in the scene was marked by winning the award for Best Music Video Director at the 2016 Lux Style Awards. Since then, he has collaborated with many major artists in Pakistan, solidifying his reputation in the industry.

Coke Studio

2010 - 2024

Kamal Khan has been a key contributor to Coke Studio since 2010, directing, editing, and producing numerous music videos. His work includes "Pasoori," which became a global phenomenon with over 750 million YouTube views in two years. As Coke Studio expanded into a global brand, Kamal's involvement extended to projects in Turkey and Egypt, with the brand.



Kamal recently shot a music video for the new season of Coke Studio 2024. These are stills from song "Turri Jaandi".



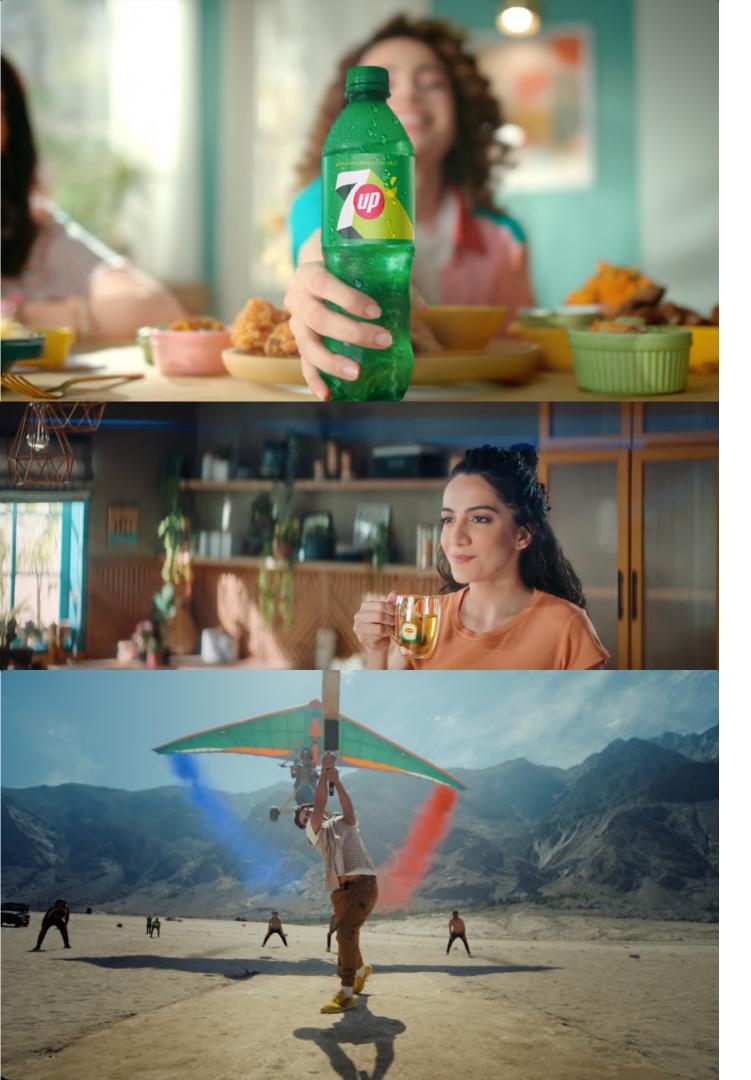


Beila

2018



Kamal directed a short film for the interactive exhibition "HOME1947," commissioned by Oscar and Emmy-winning producer Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy. This award-winning piece is part of the "Home 1947" art installation, currently on display at the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center in the USA until July 2024. The exhibition has previously toured the UK, India, and Pakistan.



Commercials



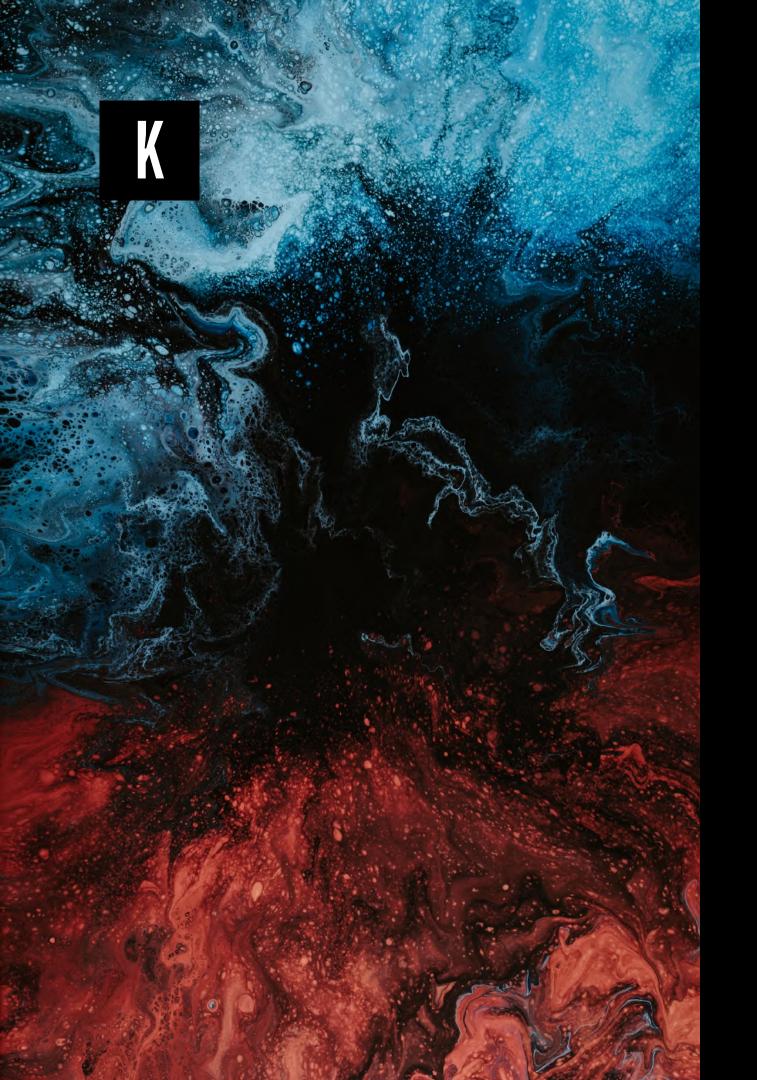
Kamal Khan has directed commercials for Pakistan's biggest brands. His work is known for its experimental visuals and cinematic techniques.













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