Kamini (25): Everyone has a story to tell

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All things in the dramatic arts, from theatre to directing and acting, is what Kamini Govender is about.

The 25-year-old, of Overport, will act in the play *Dysfunction, Death and a Duck*.

The play opened yesterday (Tuesday) and will continue its run today, tomorrow and Saturday (May 17) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal’s (Howard College Campus) Drama Department Studio 5 theatre at 6.30pm.

The production is a series of short plays that probe the absurdity of human behaviour and of life.

“It is quite amusing, sometimes dark but profoundly about the human condition. All who have questioned their existence or the existence of others will find it intriguing and enjoyable,” she said.

Kamini started acting at the age of six when she played the ghost in her school’s Christmas production. Over the years she has featured in 45 plays.

She has a master’s degree in drama and performing arts and directed the one-woman show, *She Put the I in Punchline* as part of her master’s project.

She will take this production, which is about how culture and context influenced her identity as an Indian South African woman, to the Grahamstown National Arts Festival from July 10 to 13.

Govender grew up shy. Acting helped her overcome this.

“To act is to trace the journey of another life and in so doing, I began to understand that everyone has a story to tell. Acting has given me patience and resulted in me being less judgmental.

“My perspective of the world has been challenged and the work we do emerges as a response to social and political contexts, which makes the job more fulfilling.”

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