

# Contributors

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Stylist **Jessica Albano**'s passion for people is as strong as her passion for fashion. With her innate understanding of body shape, necklines, proportion and colour, Albano shows us winter wear can be anything but drab in this issue's **Urban Doll**. Her editorial work has been published in *enRoute*, *GQ*, *Nylon* and *Contra* and she's regularly featured in Toronto's *The Grid*. Albano has done wardrobe for Canadian and U.S. commercials and as a main fashion contributor to *Toro Magazine*, she's dressed Canadian starlets like Meghan Heffern and Indie-rock darling and Metric front woman Emily Haines. Albano is also the fashion expert for Canadian television shows *Rags to Red Carpet* and *Steven & Chris*.



Life isn't so black and white to talented photographer **Kareem Ajani**, which explains why he aims to create visuals enriched with vibrant colour. Understanding light has not only changed the way Ajani photographs, it has also altered the way he sees things in everyday life. He believes great creativity is the result of team effort and values working closely with his clients and says he had a great time shooting this issue's **Winter Utopia**. His work has appeared in *Sway Magazine*, *Urbanology Magazine* and *Scotiabank Caribana Magazine* and on several album covers.



*ANOKHI* is pleased to introduce our new copy editor, **Sophie Tolias**. A freelance writer, journalist and editor, she has a passion for writing, telling people's stories and reading, and often does the latter with a red pen in hand. She's a word nerd and a grammar guru with a keen eye for detail. She enjoys fine-tuning stories once all the big pieces have come together and gets great satisfaction out of catching an error before it can make it to print. "One of the great things about editing is that it never gets boring. Every piece is different," she says. "So I'm constantly learning new things. And now that includes tons of great beauty tips!"

For *ANOKHI*'s 10th anniversary issue, our writer **Smruti Das** worked on **The Prestige List**, highlighting this decade's most prominent South Asians, and she enjoyed getting to know the people behind the personalities. "The Q&A gives a good picture on what the person is all about," she says. "What drives him or her, and how they worked their way to the Prestige List." The question she most looked forward to seeing answered was, "Motto I live by . . ." And what motto does Das live by? "Intent + Effort + Grace = Success," she says.

