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Shyam Selvadurai is a Sri Lankan-born novelist of Tamil and Sinhala heritage whose writing is dominated by the theme of "mixing." His novel, *Funny Boy*, won the Books in Canada First Novel Award and the Lambda Literary Award.



Deepa Mehta is a prominent filmmaker whose award-winning films are known worldwide for their honesty, beauty and universality. She received the 2012 Governor General's Performing Arts Award for lifetime artistic achievement.



Chan Hon Goh is a ballerina, entrepreneur and past principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, known for her delicacy and charm. She is the director of the Goh Ballet Academy.



Zaib Shaikh is a Canadian-born actor, writer and director of Pakistani descent who received international attention for his portrayal of lawyer-turned-Imam Amaar Rashid in CBC's comedy "Little Mosque on the Prairie".



Jon Kimura Parker is a Vancouver-born guest solo pianist of Japanese descent who is recognized internationally for his virtuosity. He has won more than 200 competitions, including the Governor General's Performing Arts Award.



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