

Raja Sinha

Storywriter: VivekSathe

Director: KetanKshirsagar

Group: Ahan Creations, Ratnagiri

Language: Marathi

Duration: 1 hr 50 mins

About the Group

Ahan Creations, Ratnagiri is an organisation dedicated to the development of children's theatre in the interiors of Konkan Maharashtra, and to giving a platform to all forms of performing arts. It was founded in 2015. It has participated in a few theatre festivals in Goa and Indore. It has organized seminars, lectures, workshops, and has produced *Raja Sinha* with a cast of forty three youth and child actors, seventeen songs sung by fourteen young and child singers from Ratnagiri. It is the first big budget children's play produced in Ratnagiri, almost after twenty five years.

Ahan Creations was founded by Pooja Sandip Bavdekar. The team has well-known personalities from Marathi theatre and film industry like Ketan Kshirsagar, director of *Raja Sinha*, and mentors like Ajinkya Joshi, Uday Nene, award winning music director Mayuresh Madgaokar, lyricist, poet and writer Tejas Ranade, choreographer Siddhesh Dalvi and many others.

About the Play

This musical drama is a tale of a cub who wins over his uncle 'Chaandaal Sinha', literally meaning an evil lion, to bring the jungle peace and harmony. An ascetic residing in the dense woods narrates this story to five little girls who have lost their way. The Chaandaal has a boon of being able to transform himself into any other animal including human. He cruelly uses this to kill his own brother, the king of that jungle and to destroy his kingdom, once a living paradise. The cub manages to survive and escape from deadly Raja Sinha. On growing up he returns to his homeland, unifies all the troubled animals and leads them to victory against Chaandaal and his gang.