

Anurag thinks I'm a better writer than him: Kalki Koechlin

'Dev D' actress Kalki Koechlin says her boyfriend Anurag Kashyap, who has written screenplays and dialogues for memorable films like 'Satya' and 'Black Friday', thinks she is a better writer than him.

'Anurag thinks he is a useless writer. He thinks I'm a much better dialogue writer than him. He thinks a lot about the whole plot and not so much about the individual dialogues,' Kalki, who made her acting debut with Kashyap's directorial venture 'Dev D', told IANS in an interview here.

'But I don't think I can ever direct anything like him because I don't have that overall vision. I can never think of the whole script, which I think is the director's forte. I can only write for the moment,' added the 26-year-old who is co-scripting a film with her beau.

'Anurag and I are doing a film together, which is very exciting. But I can't talk anything about it right now except that it's a thriller.

'It's his idea. He narrated it to me a year back and asked me if I wanted to write it. I initially denied because I didn't think I could take that responsibility but then I wrote the first draft and he transformed it by adding more pieces and putting them together to give it the form of a story,' she explained.

Kalki describes Kashyap as an open minded director.

'He gives you the space and lets you do things on your own. He always gives a chance to the deserving,' she said, on the sidelines of the 11th edition of the annual Osian's Cinefan Film Festival of Asian and Arab Cinema.

Talking about her relationship with Kashyap, she said: 'Being together with him has worked a lot in our professional life too because we have been constantly challenging our creative sensibilities. Both of us are very intense in the way we think and take things.'

Before venturing into films with 'Dev D', She studied 'drama and theatre in university' and 'majored in scriptwriting and acting'. The film is a contemporary interpretation of Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay's classic novel 'Devdas' and Kalki played the role of a prostitute Chanda in it.

Born to French parents, Kalki apparently took Hindi lessons for 'Dev D' and is still working on her dialect and diction.

'I still have to work a lot on it (Hindi),' said the actress who is fluent in French and Tamil.

Her other projects are Bijoy Nambiar's 'Shaitan' and Kaizad Gustad's next.

Kalki's wishlist also includes penning 'a book someday'.

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