
ANNET MAHENDRU

ACTRESS

Annet Mahendru could teach James Bond a thing or two. In her role as Nina on FX's "The Americans," she plays a high-level KGB agent stationed at the Soviet Embassy in Washington. She's also the lover of CIA agent Stan Beeman, who has recruited her to be his informant. But Beeman doesn't realize that Nina, newly committed to her country after discovering that Beeman has lied to her, is misleading him.

The actress, who speaks Russian and five other languages, brings an exotic flavor to the drama: She was born to an East Indian father and a Russian mother and has lived in Afghanistan, Russia and Europe. Although she doesn't get much opportunity to display it on "The Americans," she has a comedy background, studying improvisation at the Groundlings School.

Her other credits include "2 Broke Girls," "Mike & Molly," and "The Blacklist."



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