



Muskan Set To Make Her Bollywood Debut

Actress Muskan Sethi, who made her acting debut with the 2017 Telugu film "Paisa Vasool", is set to feature in her first Bollywood movie with Rahul Roy. She says she was initially "scared" of working with the "Junoon" actor.

In "Paisa Vasool", she played the character of a teenager along with top Telugu star Shriya Saran. The film was made under the aegis of Puri Jagannadh.

Jagannadh is a big name in Southern cinema and he was the

man who launched several actresses, including Ileana D'Cruz, Asin, Disha Patani and Kangana Ranaut - who all went on to become big stars in Bollywood.

The upcoming Hindi film titled "Sayonne" will also feature actress Upasana Singh and actor Yograj Singh.

"It has a stellar cast and it feels good to be a part of such a film. I have grown up watching 'Aashiqui' but I was also scared of working with Rahul Roy since as a

child, 'Junoon' gave me the chills. Working with him was a great experience and I got to learn a lot... not only from him but also from Yograj Sir," Muskan said. The film is being shot in Russia.

Muskan has a background in glamorous media, - and has done several TV commercials, short films and music videos.

This Delhi-born girl is an interior designer with a diploma from the prestigious Pratt Institute of New York.

Jacqueline Gets PETA Award



MUMBAI: Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez has been given the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's Digital Activism Award in the lead-up to National Technology Day, which falls on May 11.

Her online actions for animals include using social media to ask her fans to support the #FreeGajraj campaign, an effort that helped free an elephant used by a temple. The elephant had been kept in chains for over 50 years.

"Animals in need have a strong ally in Jacqueline Fernandez. PETA India is thrilled to recognise her use of social media for powerful animal rights activism and looks forward to standing beside her as she continues to blaze a better trail for animals," Sachin Bangera, Associate Director of Celebrity and Public Relations of PETA India, said in a statement.

Sara & Sister Ayra Together In Show

MUMBAI: Actress Sara Khan and her sister Ayra Khan will work together in a show titled "Bitchy Bee".

"I'm going make my debut with my sister Sara. What more can be lucky for me? I'm enjoying working with my sister for her show. The show will release soon and hopefully people will love us.

"The most exciting part about it is that we are going to play ourselves," Ayra said.

Sara said: "I just wish her best for her debut and pray that she is successful," she added.

Parineeti Not Stressed About Her Looks

NEW DELHI: Parineeti Chopra got under the scanner for her drastic weight loss, with some praising her dedication and some criticising her for sending out a negative message on body image. But the actress says she doesn't always pay attention to what people are talking about to avoid getting caught in a "vicious circle".

She feels no pressure to look a "certain way".

"You can't always pay attention to what people are talking about you. If you do, you will get into a vicious circle. You have to feel good, you have to feel fit. Fit-

ness is extremely subjective and that's the fun of it," Parineeti told IANS. "You have to do things that work for you, that makes you feel good about yourself. I have no pressure to look a certain way. I only want to stay fit and live a healthy, happy, complete life," added the actress, who has been roped in the fitness ambassador for swimwear brand Speedo India.

How has the meaning of fitness changed for you?

"Fitness is all about challenging yourself -- every single day, every single training session. If

it doesn't give you the rush, the thrill, you will get bored. I look for something new, something to push my physical boundaries every single day."

Parineeti, the cousin of Priyanka Chopra, asserted that fitness is not only about changing the way you look. "It is also changing your perspective towards health and harmony. When you start feeling great about yourself, you start appreciating everything. Mind and body is connected for us and we need to harness that energy. Good physical health means good mental health."



I Was Ingored, Not Seen As An Actress: Soni Razdan

Mumbai: Filmmakers were not as willing to experiment as they do today, says veteran actress Soni Razdan who feels she got "stuck" somewhere as she was as "different" as being a "grain in rice".

Soni, who will soon be seen sharing screen space with her talented daughter Alia Bhatt in "Raazi", says though she is eager to do more work, she does not get offers often.

She told IANS here: "I don't get any role. People do not come and offer me (roles). Maybe they don't think of me at all. Like my audience, even I wonder why I do not get offers more often. I think

my career is of a big perception of others.

"Once Alia became a successful actress, people started thinking that I am only travelling around the world with her. In my young days, people failed to slot me anywhere as an actress.

"When I started, though I worked in some of the good films, in those days, the difference between the commercial cinema and art-house cinema was pretty distinct. The industry was ruled by beautiful actresses like Hema Malini and talents like Smita Patil among others. The fact is, I neither look as glamorous as a commercial heroine did back then nor



like a conventional village girl of an art-house film.

"People were not ready to experiment as they do it today. So, I

got stuck somewhere."

Born to a German woman and a Kashmiri man, Soni grew up in Mumbai. She says she has culturally deep roots in India.

"I am very much of an Indian by heart. My mother is a German who was brought up in the UK. So, there is so much cross cultural exposure I had as a child. But Mumbai is my city. India is my country, and it fascinates me all the time to discover something new," she said.

The actress underwent formal education in theatre. "I was really a very ambitious young girl when I started studying drama and performing art. I love acting

in films. I have done mostly what I wanted to do in life. However, I think I did not get the success that I thought I deserve and (was) capable of achieving."

"I wanted to work in the Hindi film industry much more than what I was offered. But if you are a grain of rice in a wheat field, it is not your fault... You are just different. I was different in my time." The actress has been a part of films like "36 Chowringhee Lane", "Mandi", "Trikaal", "Monsoon Wedding", "Page 3" and "Patiala House".

In the forthcoming thriller "Raazi", Soni essays reel mother to her real-life daughter Alia.