

Ivanhoe Pictures To Back 'The Sky Is Pink'

MUMBAI: Ronnie Screwvala's RSVP and Siddharth Roy Kapur's Roy Kapur Films have brought Golden Globes nominated Ivanhoe Pictures on board for Priyanka Chopra-starrer "The Sky is Pink".

Ivanhoe Pictures, producers of the recent blockbuster Hollywood romantic-comedy "Crazy Rich Asians", are now co-producers and a co-investing partner for the Hindi language family drama which is tentatively titled "The Sky is Pink".

Written and directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Shonali Bose, the film is based on the true life story of the young motivational speaker Aisha Chaudhary and her parents. It marks Priyanka's much-awaited comeback to Bollywood after her appearance in a leading role in ABC's "Quantico". She is also a co-producer on the film.

Alongside Priyanka, the film stars actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar and "Dangal" and "Secret Superstar" sensation Zaira Wasim in the lead roles. While Zaira plays the role of Aisha,



Priyanka and Farhan play her parents in the movie.

The film's music is scored by Pritam and the lyrics will be penned by Gulzar. The project is in production, with shoot schedules in Mumbai, London and New Delhi completed earlier this year. A brief schedule in the Andamans is planned for January, and the film is slated to release mid-2019.

"We have produced a variety of content for the Indian market and it

is wonderful to collaborate with such highly regarded partners as RSVP and Roy Kapur Films on this film. Ronnie and Sid's understanding of Indian audiences is beyond compare and I am sure that this is the start of a long association," Ivanhoe Pictures President and CEO John Penotti said.

Partnering with Ivanhoe will help them leverage their strong distribution prowess in non-traditional markets for Indian films.

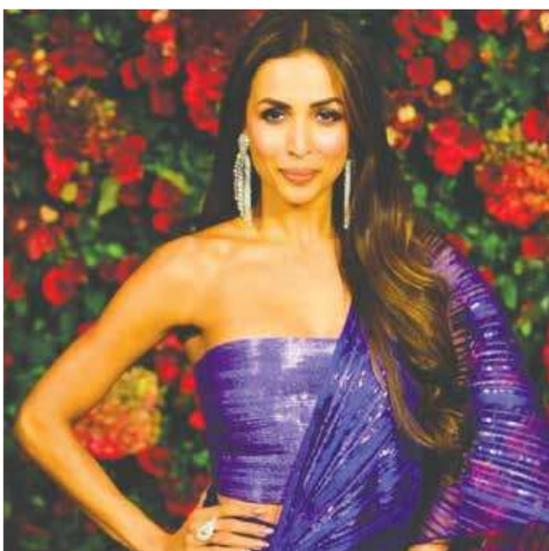
Modelling Will Always Be Special For Malaika

NEW DELHI: Actress Malaika Arora, who will be one of the judges for the forthcoming edition of Lakme Fashion Week (LFW) Summer/Resort 2019, says that she is extremely nostalgic about her modelling days.

"Modelling will always hold a special place in my life. It marks the start of my journey in this industry. I am extremely nostalgic about my early days as a model. I owe everything that I have learnt to my mentors," Malaika said in a statement.

LFW announced the model auditions for its Summer/Resort 2019 edition. It will be held on December 14 at St. Regis in Mumbai.

"Lakme Fashion Week is a platform that provides aspiring models a launchpad that



one can only dream of. I am thrilled to be a part of the hunt for fresh talent," said Malaika.

The actress along with

designer duo Shantanu and Nikhil, show director Anu Ahuja, Head of Innovations, Lakme -- Ashwath Swaminathan and Vice President and

Head of Fashion, IMG Reliance -- Jaspreet Chandok will be judging the show.

The fashion week is credited with launching some of India's most successful models including Deepika Padukone, Katrina Kaif, Anjali Lama, Bhumi Arora, Pooja Mor and Kiara Advani.

Swaminathan says that he is looking forward to the upcoming edition where new talent spotted in these auditions will sport the latest trends in beauty and fashion at the fashion gala.

Vice President and Head of Fashion at IMG Reliance, Chandok, said, "Every season, we aim at introducing fresh talent by providing the ideal platform to make a promising debut. This season too, we will present fresh talent on the runway."

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