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SPY



ACE music producer Luke Masih continues his impressive rise with his newly released song *Do To Me*, featuring talented young singer Meliah. Luke was introduced to Meliah by music legend Apache Indian and they have been working on great material, including this superb song, since then.

"Meliah is great to work with, she brings a vibe to the studio every time. We wrote *Do To Me* in the hopes of creating something commercial and fun. I'm a great lover of Spanish music myself, so producing this was really enjoyable. We hope that this is received well for summer with good vibes only," said Luke.

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RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT TRAFFICKING



How the actors behave in between takes. There's so much to learn from them.

Are you looking forward to the movie premiering at the 2018 London Indian Film Festival?

I am extremely nervous, excited and looking forward to seeing the reaction of the audience at London Indian Film Festival because this is the first time people would actually be buying tickets and watching the film in the theatre.

I know you can't talk too much about *Super 30*, but what has working on the film and with Hrithik Roshan been like?

I was very excited and so happy. Hrithik is so talented and the amount of hard work he puts in is just incredible. He's very humble and focused. He is my mentor on the sets of *Super 30*.

How are you selecting your projects?

I'm open to all mediums and will do anything that excites me, even if it's one scene in a film, but if it appeals to my heart. I go with my gut instinct.

Is the plan to mix up Hindi cinema with international projects?

Today with technology I think there is no barrier. It's now a global industry.

What would be your dream role?

Meryl Streep in *Sophie's Choice* and Kareena Kapoor's role in *Jab We Met*.

What kind of movies do you enjoy?

I love watching all genres, but my favourite films are *Madhumati*, *Sholay* and *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*. I have grown up watching them. I also like *Spotlight*, *The Room*, *The Devil Wears Prada* and *The Reader*.

Who is your acting hero?

Meryl Streep, Tabu and Kareena Kapoor

Khan. I can connect to them. When I see them perform, I get so engrossed in it. I worship them.

What has been the most interesting encounter you have had on your acting journey?

I was supposed to do a scene with Supriya Shukla, who played my mom in *Kumkum Bhagya*. Just before we started filming, we got to know that she had lost her dad. She was sobbing in her room. I was there and didn't know what to say. The moment the assistant director came to tell her the shot was ready, she wiped her tears, went on set and performed. I was shocked to see her perform and so well, despite what she was going through.

Today what inspires you?

My family and in particular my parents. My father always says whatever happens will happen for good. He's a banker and gets transferred every three years. I have learnt from him how to adjust, work hard and never give up. The reason I am so ambitious is because of my mom. Their support means the world to me.

Finally, why do you love acting?

As an artist, when you breathe life into the character and see it come alive from the script to the screen, it's the most satisfying thing ever. It's like giving birth to a child. I love to get into the skin of the character, do some research and experiment with the look and dialect. Acting is a learning process and I enjoy it.

The world premiere of Love, Sonia takes place at Cineworld, Leicester Square in London next Thursday (21) as part of London Indian Film Festival, which runs across London, Birmingham and Manchester from next Thursday (21) until July 1. Visit www.londonindianfilmfestival.co.uk for more.

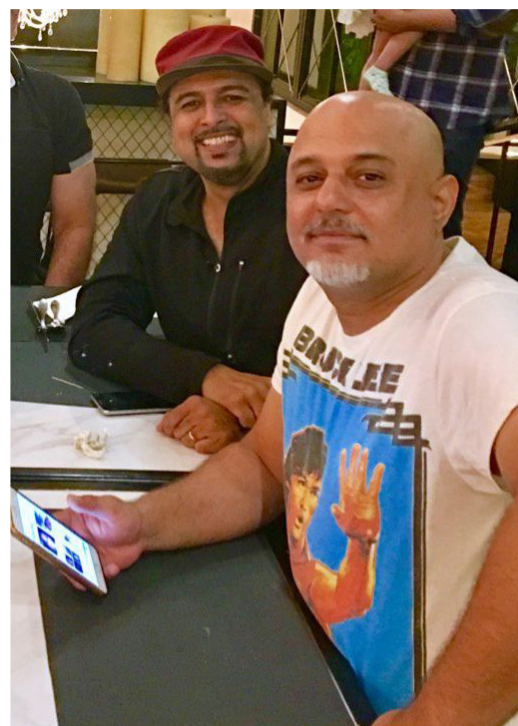


AASHIQUEI 'INSPIRATION'

WHEN the trailer for Hollywood movie *A Star Is Born* was released, many Bollywood fans flooded social media with accusations that it had copied the story of *Aashiqui 2*.

Then they realised that

the musical drama, starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga, is an official remake of the 1937 Hollywood film of the same name, from which *Aashiqui 2* had, erm, "borrowed" a number of elements.



JUNOON: RAMADAN JOY

MUSIC fans got a wonderful gift during Ramadan when Pakistani rock icons Salman Ahmed and Ali Azmat ended a feud that had lasted over a decade by opening a fast together in Lahore.

Their reunion has opened the door for globally famous Sufi rock group Junoon to reunite. Azmat and Ahmed (pictured together, above),

along with fellow band member Brian O'Connell, were responsible for some of the most influential music to come out of the subcontinent.

Ahmed said: "Our faith teaches us to show unity, compassion, and forgiveness. Ramzan is a month where we can put our grievances and hurt behind us and make a new beginning."

■ **Punjabi singer Daler Mehndi has made his south Indian debut singing a Kannada language film song.**

■ **Model Gigi Hadid and singer Zayn Malik were back together just six weeks after parting ways. The couple began dating in December 2015 after Zayn's failed engagement to Little Mix star Perrie Edwards.**

■ **Shah Rukh Khan badly needs his next film *Zero* to be a hit, but with *Total Dhamaal* out two weeks before and *Simmba* seven days after, trade experts are predicting doom for him.**

■ **Viram Jasani is a great British music hero. Find out why in my interview with him next week.**

■ **The views in this column do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.**



SUZI FASTS FOR CHARITY

TALENTED TV and radio host Suzi Mann took part in a Barnardo's Ramadan campaign to fast for a day.

Suzi told me she was overwhelmed by the love and support she received, including from Muslims fasting during the holy month. She described #FastForADay as an amazing experience and great initiative by a charity she wholeheartedly supports.

"A very worthwhile and unique experience. It takes tremendous com-

mitment and discipline to observe a day of fasting and think of all those who don't have the little luxuries in life we so often take for granted. I feel the only way you can truly understand and empathise with somebody is by stepping into their shoes. Feeling grateful for the opportunity to share my personal experience of fasting with my Muslim and non-Muslim friends and gain more of an understanding of Ramadan," said Suzi.