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Every BREATH I take...



Performer **SHIAMAK DAVAR** on his mentor and spiritual mother **KHORSHED BHAVNAGRI**

"I first connected with Khorshed when I saw an article in *Savvy* magazine over 25 years ago about her having lost her two sons in a tragic accident and of being able to communicate with them in the spirit world through automatic writing. The moment I read the article and saw the picture of her and her two sons, Vispi and Rattoo, my whole being awoke as if from a deep slumber. It was a huge sense of *deja vu* almost as if I had encountered her in some other place before, at some other time. A few days later I was playing table tennis at my friend Zareer's place and he mentioned that his grandmom's friend would be visiting and that her name was Khorshed Bhavnagri. The coincidence was almost unbelievable. And that's how I first met her.

Even as a teenager I was seeking something more to life, an extra dimension for which the scientific discipline had no adequate answer. Khorshed gave me all my answers over the period of 26 years that I knew her. Perhaps the greatest spiritual lesson Khorshed has taught me is never to hurt any living being. Spirituality is not the complicated exercise we make it out to be — it's simply good thoughts, kind words and good deeds to other human beings. While it is true that there was a time I urgently needed to be successful in my career in order to understand my significance in the scheme of things, I do feel that really matters is not how many countries I travel to but what happiness I can provide in the lives of others.

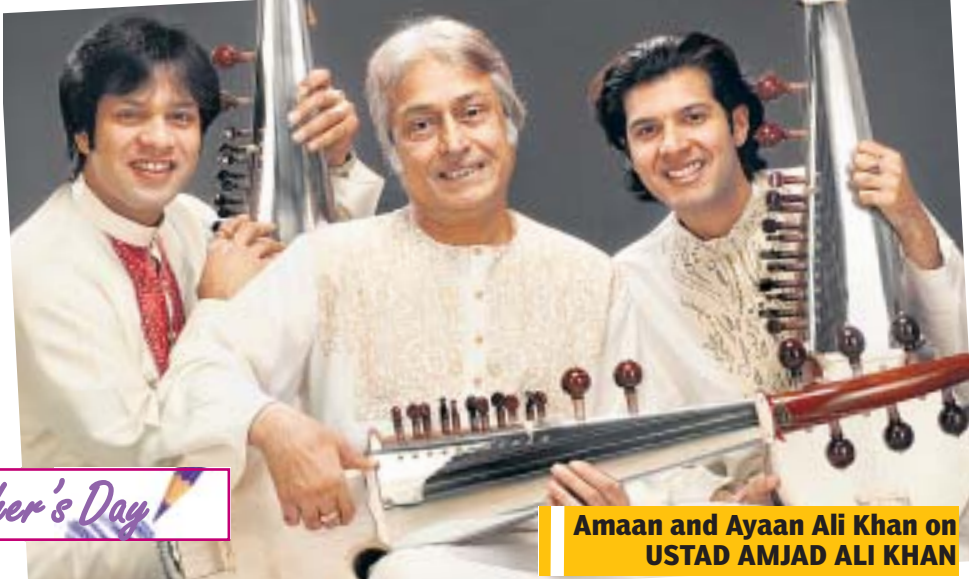
In 2000, Khorshed migrated to Canada but I was in constant contact with her till the time of her death in 2007. I owe everything in my life to her — the way I think, my singing, my success, in fact every breath that I take."

Debt of GRATITUDE

On **Teacher's Day**, some very successful people offer heartfelt thanks to the guiding hand that shaped their careers

'HE TAUGHT ME TO BE FEARLESS'

Sabyasachi is a great friend, guide and my mentor. Sabya is very generous in his spirit, he is comfortable with discussing his ideas and sharing thoughts with designers he is close to. We come from similar backgrounds, we hail from middle class Bengali families. Also the kind of women we design for is similar. Apart from helping me understand the nuances of the fashion industry, Sabya has taught me a very important lesson to be fearless while designing my collections. Of course it is important to look at the commercial viability of the garment. But it is extremely important to let your creativity flow within the realms of the real world.



Teacher's Day

Amaan and Ayaan Ali Khan on **USTAD AMJAD ALI KHAN**

'HE WAS THE MOST PATIENT TEACHER...'

Amaan was six and Ayaan was even younger when they began learning the sarod under the guidance of their father Ustad Amjad Ali Khan to carry on the family legacy. "My earliest memories are of sitting in his lap as he taught us his first music lesson. I remember that he was the most patient teacher. We grew up listening to stories of how

our father was trained by our grandpa. My father was a late child and the youngest in the house. So there was a huge age gap between my dad and grandpa. We have heard that grandpa was a strict disciplinarian and had a bad temper. Dad, however, was always very calm with us, but he was always clear that he didn't want two replicas of himself,

so he gave us all the freedom to evolve as individual musicians. My father is as good a guru to us as he is to all his other students. We would learn in a common class, with other students. The advantage we had was that we got to spend time with him beyond the music room. The line between the father and the guru is a blur.

'HE BOOSTED MY CONFIDENCE'

I had a lot of doubts about myself making a career in Bollywood, and I really didn't think I would come this far. It is because of Maheshji that I am where I am. He saw something in me that I couldn't see and made me believe in the thing he

saw. That's what good mentors do to you — they boost your confidence. I started looking at things differently. I am so grateful to have found a mentor like him. His blunt way of looking at life and situations have rubbed off on to me. I no

longer procrastinate about things. I look at life and difficult situations as they are and try to deal with them quickly and move on. I have seen people bring problems onto themselves when they think too much about things and I have learnt how to have a straight view of life from him.



Nikasha Tawadey on **SABYASACHI MUKHERJEE**

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'SHE'S BEEN MY MENTOR'

Ektaa tells me that I remind her of her younger days. The way to the top for her was not very easy and thus she understood the trials and tribulations I faced. When I was shooting for the show *Kasam Se*, everyone was older to me and thus more focused on their career. My problems didn't matter to anyone. And because I was young, I had a lot of mood swings — small things disturbed me. Thanks to Ektaa I have overcome those issues. Moreover when I was offered a role in the movie *Rock On*, I was not sure if I want to be part of the film industry and how I would perform there. I really didn't want to let go of my television show. It was Ektaa and her mom Shobha aunty who guided and motivated me and thanks to them, I chose to do the role in *Rock On*. Now, they are happy with the way my career is shaping up. Ektaa has been my mentor and whatever I have achieved in my career is because of her. She always motivates me to perform better and better.



Prachi Desai on **EKTA KAPOOR**



Emraan Hashmi on **MAHESH BHATT**

Some of the cutest little kids on television — **SALONI DAINI, AFSHA MUSANI** and **ZAYNA VASTANI** — explain why they love these teachers...

BECAUSE...she makes me a monitor



Saloni with Clara

For eight-year-old **Saloni Samir Daini** (the oh-so-famous Gangu Bai of *Chhote Miya Bade Miya*), her class teacher, **Clara D'Souza**, is her favourite teacher. Ask her why and she says, "Clara Miss teaches really well. She loves everybody and she makes me a monitor...that's why she's my favourite." The love is mutual. Her teacher says, "She's a bright student and a fast learner. I try to encourage her by asking her to entertain the class with her acts in the last ten minutes of my class. She gels really well with the other kids and everybody loves her comedy acts. This way she also gets some extra attention."

BECAUSE...he doesn't even scold me



Afsha with Chetan

Six-year-old **Afsha Musani** (one of the hosts of Zee TV's *Li'l Champs*) made a card to show her gratitude for her tuition teacher, **Chetan**. While she spends a lot of time shooting and often misses her classes for the same, her tuition teacher is whom she gives credit to for her good marks. Afsha says, "He teaches really well. It's all because of him that I score such good marks in my exams. He doesn't even scold me and that's why he's my favourite."

BECAUSE...she sings so well



Zaynah with Nina

Five-year-old **Zaynah Vastani** (the protagonist in Zee TV's *Aapki Antara*) loves music. And so, by default, her favourite teacher, **Nina Writer**, is her piano teacher whom she goes to twice a week to learn her piano lessons. Zaynah says, "I like my teacher because I love music. My teacher sings so well. She's very sweet and loving." Her mother Havov Vastani adds, "Zaynah is fascinated by the way her music teacher plays the piano. She tells me that she loves her music teacher because she loves music." To make her teacher feel special on Teacher's Day, Zaynah has made a card showing her gratitude and saying that she loves her.

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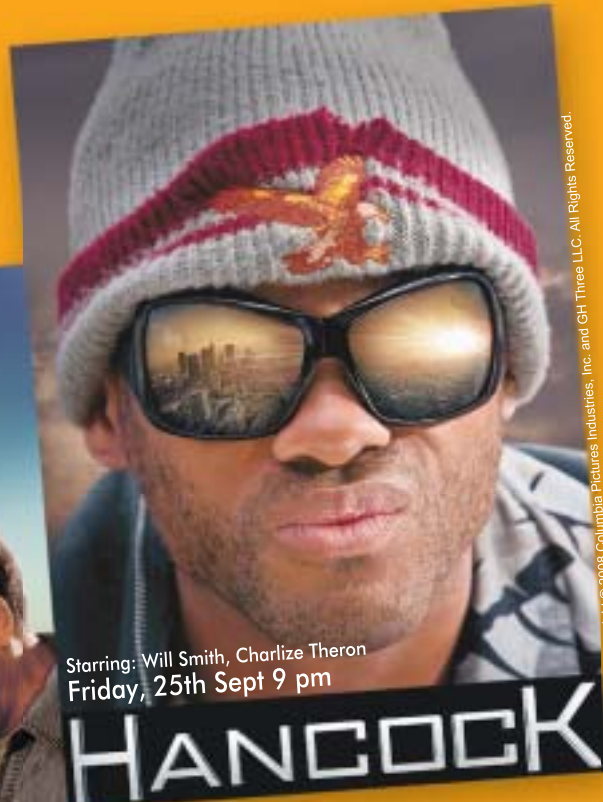
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