

To boost confidence, DANCE!

SAY NO TO TWO LEFT FEET

WHAT'S ON chatted up with Shiamak Davar on his new Style Workshops that can even train an 80 year-old to move

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The ace choreographer and dance educationist who fashioned Indo Jazz — a fusion dance style combining Western Jazz techniques with Indian movements talks about his workshops, his experience performing with Sting, and his aspirations.



Shiamak Davar

dancing styles like Hip-Hop, Salsa, Bollywood Jazz, and Indo-Jazz, while Summer Funk is more stage-oriented. This year, we are including movie songs and animation from films like Lion King in the choreography for our Summer Funk performance.

How was your experience performing with Sting?

It was absolutely breathtaking; he was intrigued with our dancing and singing styles.

You wish to sing with Elton John someday?

Yes, that has always been my dream. I've grown up listening to his music and I see him as the ultimate Guru.

Tell us about the new collection you have designed for Reebok.

While designing, I keep in mind that people must feel comfortable in their clothes; they shouldn't have to worry about their butt looking too big, or their stomach looking too fat. The range makes sure to overcome these feelings, so that you focus only on your dance.

What else are you currently working on?

I am working on the upcoming IIFA awards and on the IPL closing ceremony.

At: Prabhat Road, Model Colony and Camp. From: May 17 onwards. Call: 40100200. Fees: Rs 1,500. Admissions are on a first-come-first-serve basis. You can enrol for two dance styles and get a chance to learn a third one for free.

Do you view dance as a form of therapy?

I look at it as a confidence-building exercise for all kinds of people, from those with alcohol problems, reformed drug addicts, overweight people to special children and sex workers' kids.

You have won a number of awards. Which is closest to your heart?

The National Award for Best Choreography for the film, Dil To Pagal Hai.

You are a choreographer, a fashion designer and a dance educationist. Which role is most important to you?

Teaching is the most fulfilling. I love to impart knowledge and bring dance to the common people.

Tell us more about your Style Workshop and the upcoming Summer Funk workshops on May 25.

I make sure all my workshops are open to a vast age group; in fact we even had an 84-year old man who had enrolled to learn dance in Nagpur. The Style Workshops focus on



HINDI MOVIES

8X10 TASVEER

(U; DRAMA)
Dir: Nagesh Kukunoor
Cast: Akshay Kumar, Ayesha Takia, Sharmila Tagore, Javed Jaffrey, Girish Karnad, Anant Mahadevan
Big Cinemas, Inox

AA DEKHEN ZARA

(U/A; THRILLER)
Dir: Jehangir Surti
Cast: Neil Nitin Mukesh, Bipasha Basu, Rahul Dev, Sophie Chaudhry, Bobby Vatsa, Shrivas Nydu, Deepak Dhariwal
E-Square



AA DEKHEN ZARA

ENGLISH MOVIES

IRON MAIDEN FLIGHT 666

(A; DOCUMENTARY)
Dir: Sam Dunn, Scot McFadyen
Cast: Vinny Appice, Pat Cash, Bruce Dickinson, Ronnie James Dio, Janick Gers, Steve Harris, Kerry King, Andreas Kisser
Inox

MEET BILL

(U/A; COMEDY)
Dir: Melisa Wallack, Bernie Goldmann
Cast: Aaron Eckhart, Jessica Alba, Elizabeth Banks, Logan Lerman, Holmes Osborne, Todd

Louiso, Timothy Olyphant, Reed Diamond
E-Square, Inox

POLICE STORY V

(U/A; ACTION/COMEDY)
Dir: Stanley Tong
Cast: Jackie Chan, Michelle Yeoh, Rongguang Yu, Emil Chau, Athena Chu
E-Square

MY MOM'S NEW BOYFRIEND

(A; COMEDY/ROMANCE)
Dir: George Gallo
Cast: Antonio Banderas, Meg Ryan, Colin Hanks, Selma Blair, Trevor Morgan, John

Valdetero, Eli Danker, Tom Adams
E-Square, Inox

MONSTERS VS ALIENS

(U; ANIMATION)
Dir: Rob Letterman, Conrad Vernon
Cast: Reese Witherspoon, Renee Zellweger, Seth Rogen, Will Amett
E-Square, Inox

FAST AND FURIOUS 4

(U/A; ACTION)
Dir: Justin Lin
Cast: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez
Big Cinemas, E-Square, Inox

MARATHI MOVIES

ZHAK MARLI BAIKO KELI

(U; DRAMA)
Dir: Bhaskar Jadhav
Cast: Bharat Jadhav, Bhagyashree, Nilam Shirke, Anand Kale, Siya Patil, Vijay Gokhale, Pramod Shinde, Chhaya Sangaokar
Big Cinemas, E-Square, Inox, Victory, Vishal E-Square

GALLIT GONDHAL DILLIT MUJRA

(U; DRAMA)
Dir: Nagesh Bhosle
Cast: Makrand Anaspure, Sayaji Shinde, Nagesh Bhosle
Big Cinemas, E-Square, Inox, Victory, Vishal E-Square

BOKYA SATBANDE

(U; DRAMA)
Dir: Shailendra Barve
Cast: Aryan Narvekar, Chitra Navathe, Vijay Kenkare, Jyoti Subhash
Big Cinemas, E-Square

MI SHIVAJI RAJE BHOSLE BOLTOY

(U; DRAMA)
Dir: Santosh Manjrekar
Cast: Mahesh Manjrekar, Sachin Khedekar, Makrand Anaspure, Siddharth Jadhav, Suchitra Bandekar
Big Cinemas, E-Square, Inox, Vishal E-Square