

# Rashni - Interview



## Characteristics

Name: Rashni Banda Khan  
Date of Birth: 1. Januar 1970  
Star sign: Capricorn  
Place of birth: Calcutta, India  
Marital status: single

Hobbies: Playstation 3, music, fashion  
Favourite films: All James Bond films  
Food: Tandoori Chicken  
Drink: Coca Cola

**Rashni, your first album 3Party Time3 will be is shortly being released in various countries like Germany, France and even Russia. How do you feel?**

Proud. You know, when you grow up on the streets of Calcutta and then an almost impossible dream comes true, the one is simply proud. I have proved that with a lot of tenacity, ambition and hard work you can make the breakthrough. Because my first single "Baboushka" was very successful, my fans of course expected this album. And I really hope I don't disappoint them. And apart from that, someone like me belongs on the stage. Hey, I'm a star - and this album will prove it.

**What do you expect of this album?**

The very best of pop and dance tracks. I was in the studio with excellent producers and we tried out a lot of new things - I'm satisfied with the results. I also gave of my best in the recordings - altogether I have been more than three months in the studio in Bombay (Mumbai). Three months in a room without windows, with only male producers and musicians, well, sometimes very interesting creations emerge (laughs). Lots of people in a cramped space use up lots of Oxygen. Sometimes I think there was too little of it in the room, and thus some strange songs evolved. I don't understand or speak English very well, but I just went for it, and sang as well as I could.

**"My name is Rashni" is going to be released as a single. Why did you decide on this song?**

This song is my absolute favourite on this album. I can demonstrate my closeness to my homeland India. Also, it reflects the title of the album „Party Time“. It is a happy song with lots of dance, fun and party time ... and this song just shows who the star is. My name – Rashni – is even in the title. And when people buy this song, they know immediately who I am.

**There will also be another of your video-clips to „My name is Rashni“. Is it all about party, party, party?**

Oh yes, you bet! I love parties. I always love to go and celebrate. Of course, that's why this theme had to be included in the video. The clip is really funny and inventive. I really enjoyed working on it. The special effects are brilliant and I truly live up to my Indian identity. So I whiz from city to city on my magic carpet and have a huge party with the people there. For instance, I was in Mumbai, Delhi and Eschnapur. But just wait and see ....

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## **You don't only sing on the album, you also take care of the appropriate sound:**

On the album I play the *hairbrush-sitar* - that sounds like an e-guitar. I earned my first money as a youngster on the streets of Calcutta like that, covering Diana Ross songs. Up to now I have remained true to this passion. It is very important to me that the music suits my singing, and this works best if I play myself. However, in the video I stick to singing ...

## **A tour is on the cards. When will that be?**

We are totally stressed with planning. At present, we are working on the stage design. And the details have not yet been clarified. Therefore we cannot yet give any definite dates. What is clear, I that the tour will start in Russia, because I had my greatest success to date with the song „Baboushka“. And I am already looking forward to my Russian fans, and hopefully lots of cuddly toys on the stage. All the information concerning the tour will soon be available on my cool homepage, [www.rashni.com](http://www.rashni.com).

## **Before your career as a singer, you were a successful actor. And your music is very well received by your fans. How do you cope with this all this hype around you as a person?**

Hey, the hype is the best thing about the singing. I love it, when people ask for my autograph. Sometimes it is a bit much. When I have had enough, I just fly off somewhere secret - for instance to Switzerland, where I am not yet so well known. Then I go to a bar, knock back a glass of vodka and enjoy some time on my own. But it is also clear that the hype is part of the success. How can I expect my films or my music to be successful, when at the same time I expect that no-one is interested in me ... I hope that after the release of my album, lots more people will know me and celebrate me.

## **Your last winter holidays were also spent in Switzerland? Why Switzerland of all places?**

Most of my Bollywood films were shot in the Bernese Alps, and the first time I saw these phenomenally beautiful mountains, I immediately fell in love with this unique landscape. I thoroughly enjoy my holidays in the Swiss mountains and I absolutely love skiing. I had a very pretty ski-instructor and must say that the Swiss girls are not half bad ... oh well, the skiing isn't quite such a success yet.

## **Your music is sometimes compared to that of DJ Bobo. Is he competition for you, or a possible duet partner?**

We really have the same audience. But maybe we could both profit from a duet together. I like his music, but he should really do something about his hair.

OK, Rashni, many thanks for the interview!