



From Bollywood with Love in 2010

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2009 turned out to be a dud year for Bollywood. There were hits but they were overtaken by the amount of flops that came out of the biggest film industry in the world. However, Bollywood has never been one to minge and remain in the past. They choose to look up and ahead, ready to take over a new year which you can be sure will be filled with movies that make you laugh, cry, scream, debate and even walk out of. 2010 may just turn out to be that kind of year. Just to refresh your memory, 2009 ended on a high-note with *Aamir Khan* taking the cake with **3 Idiots**. The film not only proved to be a saving grace for Hindi cinema locally in India, but the film raked in accolades and revenue galore all over the world. And before you ask, *yes*, you will see *Aamir Khan* in 2010, but it will be him and the rest of the Bollywood bandwagon who will collaboratively attempt to entertain, charm and entice you to watch their films. Bollywood Buffs, CityMasala gives you the down-low on what to watch in 2010.

Pyaar Impossible

The year opens with *Yash Raj's* nth attempt to do two things. Firstly, they are still trying extremely hard to confirm *Uday Chopra's* stature as an actor. Secondly, *Yash Raj* is in desperate need of a hit at the box-office. The film stars *Priyanka Chopra*, *Uday Chopra* and *Dino Morea*. While the music has already created waves, one can only hope that the film goes on to become the first hit of 2010.

Chance Pe Dance

Shahid Kapur is back in action only this time he has dumped the stutter for a six-pack and his trademark dance moves. The actor has been paired opposite the bubbly *Genelia D'Souza* and *Ken Ghosh's* film promises to be an entertaining and endearing.

Veer

After playing an undercover cop in **Wanted**, *Salman Khan* will be seen as *Veer* in 2010. Yes, he will be lacking a shirt for most of this period film but most interesting is the casting of the film. Not only does it star *Sohail Khan*, *Jackie Shroff* and *Mithun Chakraborty*, but a newbie by the name of *Zarine Khan*. The actress is said to have uncanny similarities to *Katrina Kaif*. Surprised?

Ishqiya

Nasseruddin Shah is really seen far too rarely. An actor of his caliber needs to be seen more regularly. He stars alongside *Arshad Warsi* and *Vidya Balan* in the dark and twisted **Ishqiya**. The film has created much hype because of its unique cast and additionally because of a couple of kisses the film supposedly houses.

Rann

Ram Gopal Verma tries yet again with **Rann**. This time he has discarded girlfriend *Priyanka-Nisha Kothari* and has taken on the likes of *Amitabh Bachchan*, *Ritesh Deshmukh* and *Gul Panag*. Of course the film ran into its share of controversy much before its release regarding its title song. The film promises to test the audience's morality on many levels.

My Name is Khan

Karan Johar's **My Name is Khan** is probably the biggest film of the year. Not only does it bring back the incredible trio, *Karan Johar*, *Shah Rukh Khan* and *Kajol*, but is also a completely different genre from the Dharma Productions cap. *Khan* plays an autistic man who falls in love with a single mother, *Kajol*. We'll just have to wait and watch to find out if *King Khan* still reigns supreme.

Karthik Calling Karthik

The last time we got a glimpse of *Farhan Akhtar*, he was playing television host on the idiot box. The actor-director-singer will be romancing *Deepika Padukone* in **Karthik Calling Karthik**. The film is said to be a *bahut zyada hatke* with its exclusive plot.

Teen Patti

When you have the likes of *Amitabh Bachchan* and *Ben Kingsley* in

a single frame, you pretty much know you will see nothing short of excellence. And if that isn't enough, *Richard Gere* will be making a special appearance in **Teen Patti**.

Raavan

The *Abhishek-Aishwarya* chemistry will be tested yet again with *Mani Ratnam's* **Raavan**. The film is a modern depiction of the Ramayana and has been shot all over the country. You can expect great music from *A.R. Rahman* and fantastic traditional dances from *Ash* herself.

Kites

Initially **Kites** was in the news for all the wrong reasons; *Hrithik's* alleged affair with the actress of the film *Barbara Mori* and additionally for its sizzling hot scenes between the actors. Once the chaos died down and the film was seen in a more filmy light, *tradewalas* realized that **Kites** could very well be the biggest hit of the year.

Houseful

Funnyman and director *Sajid Khan* has signed on a number of actors for his romantic comedy **Houseful**. *Akshay Kumar*, *Lara Dutta*, *Deepika Padukone* and *Ritesh Deshmukh* all combine their funny bones to hopefully make you laugh your heart out in this humorous flick.

Rajneeti

Here is your politically charged film for 2010: **Rajneeti**. *Prakash Jha* is known for making films which not only expose certain sectors of Indian politics but also tend to break ground. **Rajneeti** promises to do just that. A whole range of politicians will be depicted by *Katrina Kaif*, *Ajay Devgan*, *Ranbir Kapoor*, *Arjun Rampal*, *Manoj Bajpai* and *Nana Patekar*.

Tees Mar Khan

Farah Khan's husband did not sign *Shah Rukh Khan* for his second film **Tees Mar Khan** which had insiders gossiping about the *Farah-SRK* friendship. The truth? *Shirish Kunder* wrote the film with *Akshay Kumar* and *Katrina Kaif* in mind. Where does the friendship stand? No clue on that. For now, **Tees Mar Khan** will star *Khiladi Kumar* and not *King Khan*.

Action Replay

There is something about a time machine and *Akshay Kumar* that makes sense but add *Aishwarya Rai Bachchan* to it and all of a sudden the film seems a bit too science-fiction. **Action Replay** is *Vipul Shah's* time travel flick which hopefully finds itself traveling all around the world raking in much moolah.

And those are just a few of the confirmed films that most Bollywood film watchers need to keep an eye out for. A whole array of films are still in production stages and if you're lucky, you may hear of **Dostana 2**, **Mr. India 2**, **Golmaal 3**, **Krish 2**, **Singh is King 2**, **Race 2** and a number of sequels on the brink of release as the year ends. For now, Bollywood has much to offer. We will see you at the movies!