

REEL TALK

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MISSION ISTANBUL

Dir: *Apoorva Lakhia*

Cast: *Vivek Oberoi, Shriya Saran, Sunil Shetty and Zayed Khan.*



Vikas Sagar (*Zayed Khan*) would go anywhere for a scoop; risk his life and limb to get an exclusive story that nobody else can. It's for this precise reason Vikas is considered one of the most promising journalists on TV 24. It's also the reason Owais Husain, a senior producer at the controversial Istanbul based AL JOHARA, makes him an offer to head the channel's proposed Indian bureau for an outrageous salary and other perks.

This offer couldn't have come at a better time for Vikas who is undergoing a painful divorce with his wife, Anjali (*Shriya Saran*), an equally feisty journalist whose desire to have a baby leads to their separation because her husband wants her to wait a little longer and seems to be in no mood to start a family. Little does he know that one decision will change his life forever.

Once in Istanbul, Vikas's initial impression of AL JOHARA is in sharp contrast to its notorious reputation. Vikas gets hands-on experience in the AL JOHARA newsroom where he watches ghastly and exclusive news reports of terrorism. When he voices his plans to quit the channel, he is reminded by Turkish commando, Rizwan Khan (*Vivek Oberoi*), how others who quit have been abducted or killed because they knew too much.

The deeper Vikas digs into AL JOHARA's history and operations, the more questions crop up in his mind and soon we see that from wielding a mike before a television camera, Vikas is forced to wield a gun and join Rizwan in a bloody mission against international terrorism.

The songs in the movie are wacky numbers overloaded with heavy music with a blend of western, Indian and Turkish tracks. The music is composed by *Anu Malik* and lyrics are by *Sameer*.

The film is to be released on the 11th of July 2008.

LOVE STORY 2050

Dir: *Harry Baweja* Cast: *Priyanka Chopra, Harman Baweja and Boman Irani.*

Bollywood's first futuristic film starring producer and director *Harry Baweja*'s son *Harman Baweja* and *Priyanka Chopra*, is expected to be full of special effects. The film has been shot in Adelaide, Australia and is expected to release on July 4th 2008.

Karan (*Harman Baweja*) is a young happy-go-lucky man who lives life with no rules. Sana (*Priyanka Chopra*) is just the opposite. A sweet, shy and petite girl, she lives life only by the rules. Though they are poles apart in personality, they fall in love! This leads to a beautiful and magical love story.



Boman Irani, an eccentric scientist called Dr. Yatinder Khanna, has dedicated 15 years of his life into successfully building a time machine. He is also Karan's uncle. Out of curiosity, Sana wishes to travel in time to Mumbai city in the year 2050. The excitement begins when Uncle Yatinder, Rahul and Thea (Sana's younger sibling) land in a futuristic Mumbai that is full of flying cars, holograms, robots, Indian ninjas, androids, 200 story buildings, sky rails and laser guns, and teleportation. Indeed something to be fascinated about.

It all ends through a series of twists and turns, which lead to the separation of Karan from the love of his life, Sana. This introduces a mysterious character named Zayesha (*Priyanka Chopra*), the woman of the future, a popular rockstar who is completely unlike Sana. An arrogant, bold and headstrong woman with red hair, Zayesha shows her rebellious streak and doesn't believe in love at all. Then there are some evil forces that prevent Sana and Karan from getting back together.

Will Karan be able to defeat the evil Dr. Hoshi and win back his love, Sana? Will he and Sana ever be able to get back to their original time? Well, thank God you won't have to wait till 2050 to find that out!

JANNE TU ... YA JAANE NA

Dir: *Abbas Tyrewala*

Cast: *Imran Khan and Genelia D'Souza, Naseruddin Shah, Arbaaz Khan, Sohail Khan, Arshad Warsi, Ratna Pathak and Paresh Rawal as Special Appearances.*



Jai Singh Rathore or 'Rats' (*Imran Khan*) is a most non-violent *Rajput* while Aditi Mahant or 'Meow' (*Genelia D'Souza*) is violent and passionate. Beware not to pick a fight with her because she scratches and hurls abuses. And if you do get into a scrap, take over till Jai arrives, as he alone can calm the snarling wildcat.

Jai thinks Aditi's parents should have rinsed her mouth with soap when she was a child. Aditi thinks that Jai is the biggest coward she has ever encountered. There is nothing *Rajput*-like about him. Heaven has mixed up its apples and oranges.

Jai and Aditi are perfect for each other (in some odd, distorted way which is impossible to understand). Friends know this. Parents know this. Everybody knows this. But do Rats and Meow know? This movie shows how two people truly get to know the secrets of their hearts and find love in each other.

Directed by *Abbas Tyrewala* and produced by *Aamir Khan Productions*, this film marks the debut of *Imran Khan*, *Aamir Khan*'s nephew. It is also *Abbas Tyrewala*'s first directional venture.

A.R. Rahman was signed to compose the music. *Aamir Khan* has taken the responsibility of planning the promotion of the film.

The film also stars *Naseruddin Shah, Arbaaz Khan, Sohail Khan, Arshad Warsi, Ratna Pathak and Paresh Rawal* in a special appearance.

The film is scheduled to be released on July 4th 2008, the same day as *Love Story 2050*.