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areena Kapoor has been roped in to do an item song in Dabangg 2, but either Arbaaz Khan nor Malaika Arora are confirming the big news. However, Malaika does say this, "I adore Bebo and think she's absolutely fantastic, so yes, she would be an obvious choice.

duced by her and hubby Ar-

the item song along with Arbaaz, who is directing the film this time around. "Arbaaz will consult me when we finalise the actress for the song. Whether it's Bebo or someone else, it will be a mutual decision.

So is Malaika planning to do more item songs this year? She says, "I have just completed the item song Anarkali Disco Chali for Housefull 2. As you know, I don't like doing too many songs maybe one every few years. Anarkali... has got The item queen sizzled as fantastic response online, so I am very happy Munni in the original film pro- about that. I get offered item songs a dime a dozen, but I would rather be exclusive. If you do 10 songs

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such an iconic song. You can't recreate $\hat{M}unni$. We would much rather create something new and better Having said that. Kareena would be fantastic as another Munni, but the creative call will be take en by Arbaaz after he finishes recording the new song for *Dabangg 2*.'

How does she feel about another actress doing a *Munni*? "I don't mind. At the end of day, you have to do what works best for the film. You forget that it's my film too! As far as me doing another item number in my film, you can't repeat a *Munni*.'

baaz, and says it is a difficult act to repeat. "It's a year, your brand gets diluted. The whole pur-

Malaika was considered the luck factor in Dabangg. Will we get to see her at all in Dabangg 2, considering she won't be sizzling in an item song this time around? "I'm sure I will be there in some capacity — what that will be is Arbaaz's decision. There can't be more than one item song in a film, so I won't be doing that for sure!" she laughs, adding, "Right now we are busy with the film's pre-produc-Malaika is also serving as casting director for tion as we start shooting from March 9.

pose of creating a certain hype is defeated then. It's nice to be exclusive and leave the audience wanting more.

> Confesses actor Shekhar Suman in an interview with *AT* sounding vulgar is definitely tion show I did was Main. a challenge. My ready wit Now things are so different comes handy. I prefer to be apolitical' so that I can comment or pass on satire on any political happenings. I have to thank Atal (Bihari Vajpayee) ji and Laloo (Prasad Ya-

You've judged many seasons of *Comedy Circus*. Why did you

day) ji as they were my

favourite characters to enact

in most of my political hu-

pull yourself out of the show? I think the makers chose to keep me out as they must have felt I'm not capable enough to judge it. I'm discerning and can't laugh at everything put forward by the contestants. I was bored of the show and I guess the makers were bored of me too. You've been away from fiction on television. Why?

Nothing worthwhile is

so far as fiction based shows are concerned. Plus, I don't have it in me to take up a daily soap. If something really challenging comes my way, I will take it up. Although, I'd be happiest if Dekh Bhai Dekh is remade!

Shekhar

Suman

is

Suman's

pontaneity

new season of Movers and Shakers on SAB TV. Excerpts from a chat:

How does it feel to make a

comeback with your show?

I'm happy and excited. It

feels like a second honey-

moon. And at the same time,

there's a nervousness be-

cause I don't know how

much the taste of audience

has changed. So, I've got

some butterflies in my stomach too. I am keeping my fin-

gers crossed and hoping for

You come up with a different take on political happenings?

 I read a lot on political happenings and then react.

Politics is a very heavy-onhead topic, so to make it

light and humorous without

How do you manage it?

middle name. Be it while doing his comic acts on telly or fielding questions about himself. He was in Ahmedabad to promote the

Shekhar

You've done films, TV serials, reality shows. What next?

• I'm a restless person. I want to keep exploring new dimensions. I see something and I wish to take inspiration from that. That keeps me going. Now, I'm going to turn producer and director. I'm making a medical thriller. Heartless. The shoot will start from May. I'm greedy. I'm not content with producing and directing. I might end up with a role for myself in my film. And in future. I might write a book too. (laughs)

coming my way. The last fic- How close you are to your son

Adhyayan?

I should say he is the apple of my eyes. He is my world. I ensure that I spend a lot of time with my family as that's what matters in the end. After losing my elder son, my entire focus has been on Adhyayan. He listens to what I tell him. I still remember sharing the dance floor with him at Jhallak Dikhlaa Jaa on the song Papa Jag Jaayega, it was sheer delight.

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How involved are you in his career?

(Laughs) I think I'm more involved in his career in Bollywood than he is. He is young, he has age on his side and doesn't have to worry about the finances. I made numerous mistakes when it came to choosing scripts. I don't want Adhyayan to make the mistakes I did. I always tell him to go slow and steady.

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THE PAST IS In a heart talk with AT, Payal Rohatgi and Sangram Singh talk about their chemistry in real life, how they found love again and what keeps them together... Sangram: I met Payal on the Delhi-Agra highway where her car had met with an accident. I helped her out and though we agreed to stay in touch we did not. It was only when we did a reality show that we came closer. I realize that Payal is different from what I perceived of her. She is very emotional, so people might find her outspoken at times and she's often misunderstood. Payal: Initially I did feel our diverse background and upbring ing would prevent us from having a romantic relationship, but while shooting the reality show, I got to know that even if you have different lifestyles, core values like hard work, honesty, ecently in Ahmedabad on a promotional tour, ambition, trust and family values matter. I realized we actor Payal Rohatgi and wrestler Sangram have the same morals and that's what attracted us lovey-dovey poses, looked deeply to each other. Besides, it was refreshing to into each other's eyes, hugged each other - for the meet someone so simple and without camera. It seemed like they had rediscovered love. The fact that both had lead diverse lifestyles has not acted as a deterrent to their relationship. **DOES HER PAST BOTHER?** In an informal chat, they talked about Sangram: You will see a new working together (in a reality show and Payal as we do a film and rea film) and Payal's turbulent past. ality show together. She has mellowed down and is fitter. Many

DIFFERENT LIVES Sangram: I come from a humble

background and wanted to be a wrestler. I was suffering from a paralytic condition and spent eight years on the wheel chair. But I was fascinated with wrestling and Lance Armstrong was my hero. It was tough initially when I resolved to be a wrestler. I started by moving my feet, standing up, undergoing severe therapy sessions at home and finally getting into the arena to fight. I have had a tough life but I am proud that I fought my battle and won a gold in the Commonwealth Wrestling Championship. It was my ambition to do the country proud and I

Payal: I grew up in Ahmedabad, so there's a special connect with the city. My career is embedded with controversies, but I am working hard to find a toehold in this competitive world. I might be blunt but I am honest and don't feel apologetic about my career choices.

he popular adage of "Till

death do us part" should

now read "Till the notes

do us part"! Because now,

there is an established sound-

track to hear at your divorce

gathering or breakup party.

Created by a New York-

based violonist Victoria Pa-

terson and her composer

husband Robert, the music

was ironically conceptu-

alised while the couple was

on a romantic stroll in the

wedding music album.

park. They hit upon the num

ber as a slip up, when they tried

doing the opposite of a classical

Refashioning other popular wed-

ding beats led to pay dirt. Pachelbel's

Canon, written in D Major, was re-

Parting

A couple from New York has rehashed Beethoven and the Wedding March to create music to break up to! philosophical beat and ask him or done in D Minor. Paterson also converted Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* as her to forget about the past — so All

the *Ode to Sorrow*. In an age of fancy divorce gift registries, cupcakes that spell partition, a museum for broken hearts and drinks called So Long, is this the new sign of the times? What society wants...

'TWO'GETHER:

Sangram Singh

and Payal Rohatgi

Is there such a thing as the perfect soundtrack to make you feel better in case of a divorce or break up? Musician Mukul Deora votes for Bob Dylan's album Blood on The Tracks. "The album has grim, deeply moving vocals that came about when Dylan was reeling from his own divorce. I think the songs would fit

You Need Is Love might also fit. The song gives you strength and is very calming," he says. Funnyman Cyrus Broacha also

girls proposed to

me on this reality

show but I felt that

Payal was a gen-

uine person. What-

ever her past,

whether it is her

controversies on

Bigg Boss or her

outbursts over her ex-

boyfriend, at heart she is a reg-

ular girl who goes through her

Payal: There was a lot of dirty linen

washed in public because I was unhappy

in my relationships. But when you find your

emotional anchor in your partner, life suddenly takes on a newer meaning. There was a time

when I was single and used to hang out with

friends in pubs and desperately tried to fit in with

the hip crowd. My relationship with Sangram

has made me realize how I just wasted my time

on the social circuit. Now I do regular workouts

and both of us spend quality time together. Life

has given me a reason to feel beautiful.

share of conflicts in life.

has a witty ditty to drive away the separation blues. "There are two songs that I can think of that would drive away the blues — one is Kolaveri D. It's reached a saturation point with me and I think if I heard it again I would destroy myself," he laughs, adding, "Another is this track with lyrics that go 'ILU, ILU... ILU ka matlab I Love You'. It's an evil number. Ever since I heard it, it refuses to leave my head. I think most women would happily leave their spouses if this is played to them!"

While it's different notes for different folks, what's stirring your right in. I'd also give someone a more alchemy of emotions?

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