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MISSISSAUGA: MOSAIC's Bollywood personality this year will be none other than female playback singer Harshdeep Kaur, crowned as the 'Sufi ki Sultana' by no less a mortal than the mighty Big B himself- Amitabh Bachchan!

Harshdeep is a young versatile Indian playback singer better known in her early days for her soulful Sufi singing who has now made her mark in Bollywood and is a well-sought after playback singer. Who can forget her heart rending 'Ik Onkar' in the 2006 Bollywood blockbuster 'Rang De Basanti'?

And what about her rendition of 'Katiya Karoon' from super –hit film 'Rockstar' that won her nominations for best female playback singer at both the Filmfare and IIFA awards in 2011?

Besides these amazing songs, she has recently sung 'Heer' in 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan' and 'Kabira' from yet another Ranbir Kapoor hit 'Yeh Jawani hai Diwani'.

She has also made her mark with big time songs like 'Jugni' from 'Cocktail', 'Jhak maar ke' from 'Desi Boyz', 'Luni Hasi' from 'Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana' and numerous more.

Music came as a legacy to Harshdeep from her father Savinder Singh Sohal, who owns a musical instruments factory named House of Music.

Harshdeep says, "Music is like oxygen to me. The more I inhale it, the more I feel alive".

Mentored by her father, she received professional training in Indian classical music from Sri Tejpal Singh, acquired Western classical music training from Delhi Music Theatre and learned to play piano from Delhi School of Music.

Harshdeep recorded her first solo album Romantica at the tender age of 14, when she won the MTV Video Gaga Contest.

During the same time, she also recorded a playback song titled 'Sajna Main Haari' for the film 'Aapko Pehle Bhi Kahin Dekha Hai'.

Currently working with top composers and music directors of India, Harshdeep recorded R.I.P. for Oscar-winning director Danny Boyle's

film '127 Hours', under the music direction of AR Rahman.

Canadian audiences saw her at AR Rahman's Jai Ho World Tour and now Harshdeep makes a full concert appearance for Mosaic festival. Harshdeep has selected some of her top Bollywood hits and a selection of Sufi songs. She will also be paying a special tribute to the Queen of Melody (Malika-e-Tarannum) Noorjahan, the great playback singer and actress from the subcontinent, with a unique medley of her songs.

This will be a FREE open-air concert at Celebration Square on Saturday Aug 17, 2013, at 7.30 pm, so come early to position yourself advantageously and also to partake of the various stalls, kiosks and vendors who will be on hand selling curios, costume jewelry and other knick-knacks. Plenty of food vendors will also be offering taste-bud tantalizing fare! And of course there will be the ubiquitous henna stalls!

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