



Tia's Choice

Canadian dancer Shivani Thakkar in dancing moods - Know her a little more

Shivani says and believes: "The aroma of the morning after it has rained all night is my favourite scent. My closest friends are the ones I hardly get to see, but are also the ones that will be my closest friends for life. I have had my life planned out since the time I started to speak, and also I live a full life moment to moment. I'm a very straight forward person, and yet I have a complex personality. I can be one of the most mature, focused, hard-working seriously ambitious persons

you could ever meet; but I also possess the qualities of being the most innocent, trusting, playful, and fun-loving child-like personality you'll ever come across. I love learning. I love experiencing new things. I have a boyish sense of humor, with a girlish sense of class. I'm really mellow and easy-going and yet possess a everlasting zest for living. I love beauty in my life, yet I often find that the most painful sights and things that may commonly be thought of as ugly are the same things that resonate and touch me deep within. I like to feel and get inspired. Music is my weakness." Visit Shivani at: <http://www.shivanihthakkar.com>



'Brand' Ekta in huge demand! Aamir paints a canvas, gifts it to Salman!

She is already TV's czarina and now with Bollywood hits like, Once Upon A Time In Mumbai and The Dirty Picture, producer, Ekta Kapoor's brand equity is at an all-time high. Three high-end brands want to sign her up as their brand ambassadors but Ekta is still pondering over whether she wants to come in front of the camera. One of the offers is from a mobile phone firm, another from a battery brand and the third from a Youth channel. But Ekta is in two minds. "My problem is that I'm very shy. Yes, I have been approached by a few brands and I'm weighing my options. But I don't want to talk about it till things are locked." Ekta points out that she's been approached by brands earlier too but at the time wasn't mentally prepared to take on any of the offers. "In fact, I didn't even meet with the brand representatives then. But this time a few good brands have come along and I'm thinking about it," she smiles. Ask her if she has consulted with her father Jeetendra on this and she retorts, "My parents let me make my own decisions. My mother (Shobha Kapoor) tells me not to do anything



for money but only do what I really want to." Money is not a criterion but Ekta would like to overcome

her fear of facing the camera. She says, "I don't want to grow old regretting that I was shy and scared. So let's see."

If singing puts him in a good mood, painting also brings joy to Aamir Khan, who played a

painter but when I am painting, I get so engrossed and I feel as if I am making something

of Dhebi Ghat, while they were lighting up, I did a full canvas and presented it to Salman. So,



painter in critically acclaimed Dhebi Ghat. "Painting, like singing, is something I really enjoy doing. Though I do it badly," said Aamir. "I love singing, it puts me in a good mood. It disturbs the hell out of everyone around me, but it makes me feel very happy... painting also. I have realised that I am really a bad

like a Picasso," the 46-year-old added at the launch of CDs and DVDs of Dhebi Ghat. Despite his inexperience with paintbrush, colours and canvas, Aamir managed to complete a painting and gifted it to another painter of B-town, Salman Khan. "The one painting that I have done in my life is on the sets

it's in Salman's house," said Aamir who also did an item number in Delhi Belly. After 3 Idiots in 2009, Aamir will be seen in a key role in Reema Kagti's Talaash, co-produced by him, Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani. The cast of the film also features Kareena Kapoor and Rami.