

# The black and blue world of Amy Winehouse

Born and raised in North London, Amy Winehouse spent her teenage years balancing school and boy-friends with hours locked in her bedroom, ears glued to classic song chord changes. Her voice, however, was clearly living a secret life, staying out, getting high, breaking down, going to prison and violating parole by leaving the country with a gun toting maniac gangster. At least it sounds that way.

Amy is not the kind of girl to accept the gift of vocal skills, sit back and replicate what others have done before her. Proceeding as if it was the most natural thing in the world she has taken her love of jazz and soul and added a seriously fresh perspective.

She might sound like a '40s jazz singer, but she's using forefront beats and lyrics -- she's letting her voice go where it's meant to go. Her style is not for the candlelit basement. It's out there living in the real world of Gucci bags, Diesel clothes, high heels, implants, weed after school, cheating airhead honeys and runaway crushes. Forget about torch themes from yesteryear.

Carole King and James Taylor made their presence felt on the family stereo, but Amy was more drawn to her dad's jazzier taste. Under her father's tutelage, she picked up serious exposure to Sarah Vaughn and Dinah Washington ("my dad always claimed he discovered her!"). Moving through Ella to Dinah she felt her way forward through the old greats. Ella was "technically faultless" but Dinah "could do jazz, and then she could knock the hell out of a blues... when she was 12 she was directing the church choir!"

"I think it was the freeness of jazz that appealed to me," she says. "Not necessarily the avant garde -- Coltrane, where he took that -- but I could really relate to a simple trio. I could just hear it all in there, just



drums, bass, a trumpet or piano, that's it for me. Four such simple elements, and brought together they would just fly."

But at the same time, a broader musical osmosis from the urban sprawl was taking place. Inevitably hip hop leaked into her headphones, Amy was checking for Mos Def for his positive message and by extension making room for Talib Kweli. The Roots, Erykah Badu. Gradually, subconsciously,

the smoking grooves, jazz enunciation and feisty attitude were coming together to form Amy's own thing.

"The way it all gets mixed up though, that's just me trying to manifest what's in myself, in song," says Amy. "It's not a pretence, it's just soul -- stuff that has soul. It's like, I listened to Ray Charles for a year, just Ray Charles. He is such an inspiration."

With word around town about

Amy's unique abilities getting louder she found herself a management company and started to work with producers. In London she worked with producer/writers Felix Howard and Jimmy Hogarth. Heading to the States to find collaborators she worked with Salaam Remi and Lauryn Hill /Mary J Blige engineer Commissioner Gordon.

The debut album from Amy has grown naturally out of her teenage

passions, innate skills and on-going curiosity. There are beats that lope and grooves that swing. A Wuritzer organ swings low on a sorrowful lament. Smiling horn samples pull up in to the sunshine. There are interludes where flute and acoustic guitars take over. Then vinyl static from a sampled beat leads into a lazy groove.

The bass lines get jiggy again. And consistently Amy 'knocks the hell' out of the songs, whether sultry, teasing, grieving or soulfully communing.

Crucially Amy's debut collection reveals a singer who can sing for the heart but also find light and shade in the city turbulence. There is mischief amongst Amy's confessions. *I Heard Love Is Blind* is a mock admission of love-cheating with a look-alike. *Close To The Front* deals with the three infatuations of Amy's life, starting off with her science teacher. And an update on the old standard *Mr Magic* finds Amy serenading a somewhat combustible, stress relieving, metaphorical 'lover'.

On a straighter note, the album also catalogues her trials and tribulations in the jungle of love. *Stronger Than Me* tries to make a man out of a passive paramour. The beautiful blue-black ballad *Take The Box* was written right after the 'returning belongings moment' in a break up. Meanwhile, the incendiary, chandelier-shaking vocal on the piano and voice piece *You Sent Me Flying* graphically captures the intensity of new love.

"I just hope that people won't hear my stuff and go, this is that white girl from London," concludes Amy. "I hope they'll go 'this is a girl who's actually got some soul, and she's young but she's had some experiences, and she's relating to them and I can relate to that.'"

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

## 53RD FILMFARE AWARDS

# Kareena, Shah Rukh win best actor awards

Kareena Kapoor won the best actress award for *Jab We Met* and Shah Rukh Khan the best actor award for his role as coach Kabir Khan in *Chak De India* at the 53rd Filmfare Awards on Saturday night.

Aamir Khan won the Best Director award for *Taare Zameen Par*, which was also declared the best film.

Bollywood star Rishi Kapoor was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award while music director Monty Sharma was conferred with the R.D. Burman award for his track in the Sanjay Leela Bhansali film *Saawariya*.

The Best screenplay award was given to Anurag Basu for the film *Life in a Metro*. *Chak De India* won the award for best cinematography.

The other winners of the Filmfare award include newcomer Deepika Padukone, who won the best Fresh Face award for her film *Om Shanti Om*, while Ranbir Kapoor was given the best New Comer award for *Saawariya*. Irfan Khan and Konkona Sen Sharma won the best supporting actor and best supporting actress respectively, for the film *Life in a Metro*.

Child actor Darsheel Safary won the best actor (critics) award for his brilliant portrayal of Ishaan Awasthi, a dyslexic child in *Taare*

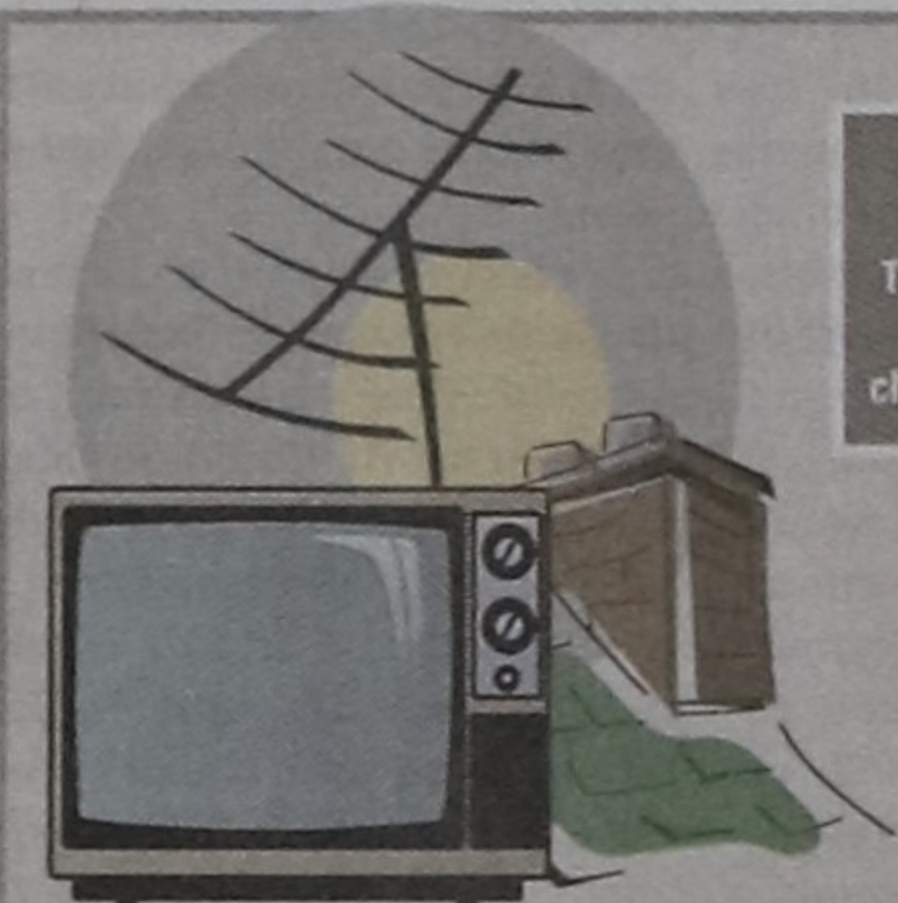


Shah Rukh and Saif at the Filmfare Awards (top), Kareena in *Jab We Met*

*Zameen Par*, while Tabu won the best actress (critics) award for the film *Cheeni Kum*, *Chak De India* won the best film critics award.

Musical maestro A.R. Rahman won the award for best music in the Mani Ratnam film *Guru*. Prasoon Joshi won the award for Best Lyrics in the film *Taare Zameen Par*. Among the playback singers Shreya Ghoshal won the best female playback singer award, while Shaan won the best male playback singer award for his song *Jab Se Tere Nainain Saawariya*.

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## On Air

### News Bulletin

#### BTV

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

#### CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.  
ATN BANGLA  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm, News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

#### CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.  
BANGLAVISION  
News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.  
News (English) at 6:00 pm.

#### Rtv

News (Bangla) at 10:15 pm, and 12:15 am.  
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News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.

#### ETV

News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

#### BTV

08:15 Shuprobhat  
08:45 World Round Up  
11:15 Documentary Programme: Desher Gaan  
12:00 Maa O Shishur Katha  
12:30 Chena Jana  
01:00 Banshuri  
01:30 Cartoon  
02:15 Onu Poromanu  
02:40 Kirita Diganto  
03:00 Shukhi Poribar  
03:30 Dolon Chapa  
04:05 Swashtodeho Shundor Mon  
04:30 Dhrupadi  
05:05 Debate  
06:10 Matri Bhasha  
06:35 Nitir Taley Taley  
06:50 Kon O Kornol  
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:35 Kishi Diba Nishi  
09:00 Chhayachhondo  
10:30 Tarana  
11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

#### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Children's Programme: Amira Korbo Joy  
09:15 Drama Serial: Alok Nogar  
10:30 Talk Show: Onnyodishti  
11:05 Shushtho Thakun  
11:35 Musical Programme: Nolon Chhobir Gaan  
12:15 Motamot  
01:25 Selected Programme  
02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai  
03:45 Children's Programme: Chhotoder Pritibi  
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Matir Shubtash  
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khoror  
05:10 Shushtho Thakun  
05:45 Business Week  
06:20 Documentary Programme: Ashay Pasher Manush  
08:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Mangal  
08:45 Musical Programme: Chirokaal

Chirodin  
11:30 Talk Show: Projonmo Bangladesh  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
CHANNEL-i  
08:05 Tagore Song  
09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 Educational Programme  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
02:35 Selected Programme

**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**  
7:00am Hello Dhaka  
11:00am Amar 88  
3:00pm Dhaka Calling  
7:00pm Seven Eleven  
12:00am Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)  
07:45 am Today's Happy Moments  
08:45am Shokaler Khabor  
12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)  
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor  
04:00pm U-tum (Kibria & Tania)  
06:45pm Shondher Khabor  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)  
09:45pm Raater Khabor  
11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor  
12:00am Today's Happy Moments  
12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

03:05 Banjio O Orthoniti  
03:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
04:30 Arshin Nogar  
05:30 Warid Boimela Shorashori  
06:00 Ek Dui Teen  
06:40 Super Man  
07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shanglap  
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantore  
10:00 RC Travel On  
11:30 Drama Serial: 69  
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro  
Rtv  
08:15 Gaanchil Ei Din  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 Borney Borney Rochito  
09:35 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatei Anondo  
10:00 Drama Serial: Poroshpor  
11:00 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntuk  
12:15 Wide Angel  
12:35 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatei Anondo  
01:00 Gaanchil Ei Din  
01:30 Dhallywood Beats  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Protidin  
06:35 Prachir Ghera China



Malcolm in the Middle  
On Star World at 6:00 pm  
Cast: Frankie Muniz, Erik Per Sullivan

08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak  
08:35 Look at Me  
09:20 Drama Serial: Poroshpor  
11:00 Heart Beat  
11:30 News Watch  
12:00 Rtv Exclusive  
ETV  
08:00 Ekusher Shokaal  
12:00 Ekusher Dupur  
12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus  
01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara  
02:30 Spondon  
03:30 Katha ar Gaan

04:00 Magic Show  
04:30 Chena Manusher Paanchail  
05:15 Ei Shoptaker Bishwa  
05:45 Ekusher Shondha  
06:15 Sns Mania  
06:30 Desh Jurey  
07:30 Mohkomukhi  
08:30 Drama Serial: Hiltu  
09:30 Ekushey Shomoy  
10:30 Drama Serial: Protiro Naari  
11:30 Amader Boimela  
BANGLAVISION  
08:35 Ebong Classier Bailey

11:20 Talk Show: Top Story  
12:00 Shongbad Protidin  
ZEE STUDIO  
10:50 One Fine Day  
01:25 Novocaine  
03:30 Mr. Magoo  
06:05 The Three Musketeers  
08:30 Free Willy  
11:00 Blind Dating  
HISTORY CHANNEL  
10:15 Sauna Belt  
10:30 The Redheaded League  
12:00 Swarna Heera  
12:15 Eye Max  
01:30 70's Tech  
02:30 Mata Hari  
03:30 Anne Frank  
04:30 Greece  
05:30 Greece: Age of Alexander  
06:30 The Redheaded League  
07:30 Opus Dei Unveiled  
08:30 Deadly Reckoning  
09:30 Mansfield Park  
11:30 Corn

STAR WORLD  
09:30 Desperate Housewives  
10:30 For Better Or For Worse  
11:30 My Wife And Kids  
12:00 The Simpsons  
01:30 Desire: Table For Three  
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
04:00 General Hospital  
05:00 Enterprise  
06:00 Malcolm In The Middle  
06:30 The Simpsons  
08:30 My Wife And Kids  
09:00 8 Simple Rules  
09:30 According To Jim  
10:00 Life With Bonnie  
10:30 Last Comic Standing  
12:00 Cops

#### STAR PLUS

10:30 Saibaba  
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
02:00 Bhabhi  
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa  
03:00 Gharib  
06:30 Bidaai  
07:00 Gharib  
07:30 Sangam  
08:00 Santaan  
08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat  
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
09:30 Bidaai  
10:00 Kasturi  
10:30 Kahaani  
Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:00

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kayamath  
12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa  
STAR MOVIES  
10:00 Glory Road  
12:00 Hell's Rain  
01:45 The Object Of My Affection  
03:45 Trapped  
05:30 Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties  
07:00 Thank You For Smoking  
08:35 Next  
10:15 Vip Access  
10:45 Mortuary  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
09:00 Pilot Whales  
10:15 Sauna Belt  
10:30 Madagascar: A World Apart  
11:30 IC814 Air Hijack  
12:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius  
01:00 Beppu/ Barbados  
01:30 In The Dragon's Jaws  
02:30 American Buffalo  
04:30 London  
05:00 Swimming With Sea Snakes  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Jaw Breakers  
06:30 Python Attack  
07:30 Killer Cats  
08:30 Air

Crash Investigation  
09:30 Situation Critical  
10:30 Seconds From Disaster  
11:30 Air Crash Investigation  
ESPN  
09:00 2006 Re/Max Long Drive Championship (Golf) Mesquite, Nv Usa (R)  
10:30 Australia Vs India 10th Odi, Highlights  
12:30 Barclays Premier League Birmingham, England  
02:30 Chicago, Il Usa Denver Nuggets Vs Chicago Bulls  
05:00 Cathay Pacific Standard Chartered Bank Series (Cricket) Kowloon, Hong Kong  
06:00 ESPN India  
06:30 2007 Dubai X Games - Highlights (Extreme Sports)  
07:30 Premier League Highlights (Soccer/Futbol)  
09:00 Portscener Asia (Sport News)  
09:30 Boxing

Poroshpor  
On RTV at  
09:20 pm  
Drama  
Serial  
Cast:  
Ahmed  
Rubel, Tazin  
Ahmed