



## THE ACTOR-PERFORMER-ENTERTAINER EXTRAORDINAIRE WITH A GILDED VOICE!

The great, great filmy journey of this humble and great artist started almost 35 years back – when he debuted in Shyam Benegal's *Mandi*. Annu Kapoor has gone on to become a legend – leaving his mark of greatness on screens big and small, as well as the airwaves.

In this era of abundant reality shows running in all the television channels, this versatile actor hosted the longest running musical reality show – *Antakshari* – for 13 years in a row.

On his father's insistence, he joined his theatre company – a travelling *Parsi* theatre company which performed in cities and towns. Following a stint there, he joined *National School of Drama* in 1976. After graduating from the *National School Of Drama* and a brief stint with its repertory company, in 1981, he played a 70-year-old man in the play





ANNU KAPOOR



*Ek Ruka Hua Faisla* directed by the legendary Basu Chatterjee. Shyam Benegal who saw Kapoor perform, sent him a letter of appreciation and signed him for his 1983 film, *Mandi*.

Currently, he does a radio programme on 92.7 Big FM called "Suhaana Safar with Annu Kapoor on 92.7 Big FM". It's a daily show that features nationally on the radio networks covering all Hindi speaking radio stations across the country. With mesmerizing style, he recreates the magic of the Golden era - "*Filmy Duniya Ki Kahi Ankahi Kahaniya*". with unforgettable

melodies of that era and untold stories of the stars and films of Hindi Cinema.

Reiterating sheer brilliance of his talent, Anu Kapoor's portrayal of Dr. Chaddha in *Vicky Donor* not only gave him the National Award, but also reaffirmed his position as one of India's finest actors. Then came advocate Pramod Mathur in *Jolly LLB 2* - which had left every Indian film lover desperately waiting for more from him! Asked if he would ever consider joining politics, Annu Kapoor - as usual - is as candid and straightforward as always: "I don't fit in to be a politician. I may be a good patriot, social servant and good speaker, but cannot be a politician. Therefore, I want

to serve my country with my limited capability. Yes, if I will join politics, address issues, and give a speech in Parliament, members might get mesmerised and get a new perspective of people's issue, but I don't have the ability to be a politician."

Throughout his illustrious journey in the film and performing arts industry, Annu Kapoor has donned many hats. When asked what is it that connects him with his listeners of radio: Annu Kapoor says 'It's my experience with the film industry and the ability to communicate and connect with the proper language with my listeners and being there in the film industry for the last 35 years.'