

## Sweet 'n Sensuous

Versatile Minissha Lamba undergoes an image makeover in her forthcoming film 'Kidnap'. In conversation with **Deepa Mishra**, she dwells on her journey from a bubbly baby to a bikini babe



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She is beautiful, talented and versatile; she took her audiences by surprise with her latest blockbuster, 'Bacchna Ae Haseeno'. Yes she is Minissha Lamba; all set to rock the silver screen again in her forthcoming release 'Kidnap'. With this movie, she has chosen to undergo an image makeover. Yes! the lady has decided to go bold this time and is all set to woo the audiences with this new sensual look.

Her forthcoming film 'Kidnap' has all the flavors of a typical Bollywood entertainer. The story revolves around the character 'Sonia Raina', played by Minissha herself. Sonia's parents seek divorce and she is separated from her father. However, when Sonia is kidnapped, her father comes back to rescue her. "Every role needs considerable amount of preparation. I used to constantly work out and followed a strict diet to keep

my body toned" says Minissha. "Besides the physique, this role requires to carry an attitude of a modern and upbeat girl," she adds.

This is not for the first time that the actress has chosen to go bold, before this, she has also done some daring sequences with Arshad Warsi in 'Anthony Kaun Hai'. Minissha is well aware of the film industry and believes that like other actors she has entered cinema in the era when besides exploring creativity, movie making is serious business. Elaborating on her growth as an actor, she says, "So far the industry has helped me to grow and attain maturity. I have also realized the responsibility as an actor and seriousness that is required in this business." After achieving stability in career and establishing herself in the industry, she aspires to do a period film. But as of now, her new sensuous look has become the talk of the town.

This Delhi based actress had never planned to be in the film industry. In fact she always wanted to be a journalist. She has graduated from Miranda House, Delhi, in 2004 with a degree in English (Honours). She was always passionate about modelling and wanted to pursue it as a hobby. Her first break happened with Cadbury when she was selected unexpectedly through an audition in Delhi. Later, she took up a number of commercials for LG, Sony, Cadbury, Hajmola, Airtel and Sunsil. Subsequently, she got her first break in Bollywood with 'Yahaan', a film directed by Shoojit Sarcar. "After spending three years in the industry I can say, the industry is open to everyone and welcomes talent. I owe my success to my debut director, Shoojit Sarcar," feels Minissha.

In her debut film 'Yahaan', she played the role of a Kashmiri girl,

unaware of the outside world and in her second film she plays an exactly opposite character of a modern day corporate girl who is waiting to see the entire world. She continued to play different roles and explore newer grounds with each movie. She has also fulfilled her dream to live a journalist's life in the movie 'Shaurya'. Looking at her three years of her filmography, she has played a variety of roles and has proved her versatility as an actor.

How much her new look would be acceptable to Minissha's fans, how promising is her new image and how much this image will give a boost to her career, are questions to be answered after 'Kidnap' hits the box office. As Minissha signs off, "Do support me and watch my film 'Kidnap', your feedback is awaited."

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