What's Your Tune...?

we often dedicate songs for our loved ones but have we ever thought why music has evolved as such a powerful expression.

This music when supported with words has the power to stir every emotion. Be it Gymnastics, pubs, spas music is used everywhere. Today's popular music culture, rap and rock music has turned into a religion for all its lovers. For 23 year old music lover Abhishek Giri, music is the recipe for a healthy life. “People may not understand certain songs but it is the power of the sound that connects with them.”

Generations may pass but music lives on. In India, every morning begins with music, either with a Bhangra or your favourite radio station. Sunday evening means spending time at the nearest coffee house and playing the guitar, remembering the old college days. So, the next time you want to express your feelings just dedicate a song because music gives the soul to each emotion...

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Soul & Salsa

Salsa is getting popular among Indians. And why not, with powerful conga based music, strident horns and piano chords creating exhilarating atmospheres, bodies melt down in unison while exchanging gestures... an ambience enough to attract anyone...

You may be guessing why this baby born in the Latin American countries is gaining so much popularity here in India. Well, “Salsa accumulates so easily because it has so much familiarity with the Indian culture which other dance forms don’t carry with them. It is a rhythm based dance and is fast and that is why people are easily getting connected with it” says Harshad Rau, a film maker by profession who has been practicing Salsa by years.

Salsa is characterized by fast-paced, provocative turns, bends, spins and twists which make your entire body zoom to exhilarating levels and leaves you with no option of exodus but only to submit yourself to the rhythm says Raul Randolph an Ad Film maker. In each salsa club in Mumbai, with a flick of the eye you can see people turn slow and sensuous from fast and furious with an exhilarant advance of the arm. People look as if they went on to unlock the newer energy within. They belong to the growing clutch of Indians being taken over by Salsa. “More and more urban Indians are taking to Salsa as a way of reconnecting with themselves and their bodies” says ace cinematographer Rakesh Manikantam.

It’s a blend of style, sensuality and grace, feels Nikhil Patil a journalism student from Mumbai university whom I found in Zenzi a restaurant in Bandra which organises salsa nights. “Salsa helps people express themselves and connect with others. It’s a great stress buster and like a meditation for me” adds Harshad. Earlier known to be in the league of the rich and famous this dance form is suddenly seeing a great penetration into the lives of ordinary people as well. Each year festivals like Salsa India make people aware and promises to add more into its growing fraternity. The mushrooming salsa clubs offers learning programmes in about Rs 2000 to 2500 a month which is not hard on anyone’s pocket. “I took salsa classes for two months and it really turned out to be useful” says Tapan Asthana, a management student. So let’s groove to some CUCARACHA and add a swing to our life!

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