

# Friends united



## MCs LADY KASH AND KRISSY TALK ABOUT THEIR MUSIC

**WHAT are the chances of meeting your best friend through a social networking site? After all, it's not easy to find someone who shares the same dreams and interests as you.**

That is why you might find the story behind dynamic duo Lady Kash and Krissy rather intriguing. When they crossed each other's paths online and realised they were bound by the same musical dreams, they quickly went from being strangers to best friends and entertainers. Based in Singapore, the talented MCs are one of the few acts who are representing the ladies in the rap game.

*Eastern Eye* went international to speak to the girls about their latest projects, the music scene in Singapore and how they will be spending Valentine's Day.

**Tell us about your two singles that have already been released?**

**Lady Kash:** Our first song, *Wherever You Are*, is about being away from that special someone. It was inspired by one of our close girlfriends, who had to go to another country to study and she told us about the pain she was feeling because she had left her hometown and her beloved.

**Krissy:** The second song *Friction* is about the chemistry between a man and a lady who having the hots for one another. It, however, focuses on the chemistry and the relationship heating up between them, hence the title *Friction*. It's a slightly upbeat track compared to the first.

**What are you working on at the moment?**

**Lady Kash:** We have not decided on a title for the song yet but the concept is basically the current global condition, the issues all of us face as a civilisation and how it is really up to all of us to make a difference right now. Besides this, we have had a few great opportunities coming to us from Chennai and Germany but things have yet to be finalised.

**How would you describe the sound on the album *First Chapter*?**

**Krissy:** We feel our music is unique in the

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sense that it comes from us and no two people in the world really have the exact same style. It has a distinct sound and originality and we have the faith that the world will enjoy it for what it is. We would like our music to speak for itself.

**Who are your musical inspirations?**

**Both:** We love how AR Rahman fuses sounds of the world and experiments with different styles. And we love how Beyoncé has such originality and always brings something new. Everything and anything can inspire us. We find music even in silence.

**Why do you think there are so few female Asian rappers and MCs?**

**Lady Kash:** Most Asian families are still very traditional and that's fine - I mean, we respect our traditions as well. However, it will be good if they could see beyond that. Also, many Asians see rap music as an 'American thing' and they usually relate it to drugs, sex and other social negatives. They fail to see there are many positive rap songs and that is something we would like to stress through our music. Everyone should be able to rap as it is an art, and everyone, including kids, should be able to listen to it.

**What is the Asian music scene like in Singapore right now?**

**Both:** There is not too much of a music industry here and there are only a handful of people who are well known. However, we are not worried about that too much because we do not limit our music to only our country and instead, we prefer to see ourselves as international artists.

**Do artists like you two get enough support over there?**

**Lady Kash:** Well, frankly, we don't think so. There are quite a lot of stereotypes going on here and with Singapore being a really small country, most people only recognise acts who get on TV and stuff.

**Have you ever been to the UK?**

**Krissy:** Not yet, but we would certainly love to perform there.

**Lady Kash:** (Laughs) Yeah, I have, when I was a really small kid.

**Are there any British/British-Asian artists you would like to collaborate with?**

**Both:** Sure. Being able to make a song with M.I.A would be great.

**What are your biggest unfulfilled ambitions?**

**Krissy:** We both want to help the less fortunate in the world and save animals. Climate change is a very alarming and important issue and we are doing our part to help. And I would love to be an awesome chef!

**Lady Kash:** We look forward to the day where the world recognises us for our talent. I also want to get a pilot's licence one day.

**Have you found love yet?**

**Lady Kash:** (Laughs) Yes, I have found love in myself, my family, my best friend, everything that surrounds me and in everything I do.

**Krissy:** (Laughs) No, I haven't found the right one yet but it doesn't bother me. I'm content with the love I've found in my friends and my family. Plus, I don't really have the time for a relationship right now.

**What do you look for in your ideal man?**

**Lady Kash:** Hmm... a person of character and morals, someone who not only talks the talk, but also walks the talk. I want someone with a strong will, a person of peace and love. And, of course, someone who loves me truly.

**Krissy:** Someone who has a good heart, good values and believes in helping the world. A good sense of humor wouldn't hurt, too.

**How will you be spending Valentine's Day?**

**Both:** We are going to spend Valentine's Day this year with our families. Have a picnic in the outdoors and give thanks to Mother Earth on that special day.

Check out Lady Kash and Krissy at [www.myspace.com/LadyKashandKrissy](http://www.myspace.com/LadyKashandKrissy)

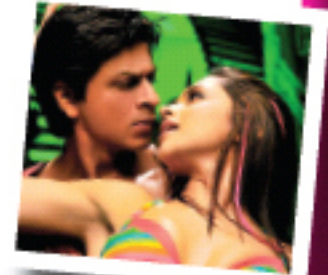
## Things to do this week

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**VISIT:** The Zee Carnival (today until Sunday) returns to the Grand Hall Olympia in London for three days of stalls, stars, fashion, live music and tasty food. If last year's carnival is anything to go by, then this year's event promises to be another blockbuster. For more information, log onto [www.zeecarnival.co.uk](http://www.zeecarnival.co.uk)

**CELEBRATE:** Get all romantic with the one you love on Valentine's Day. Book a nice restaurant or check out one of the many Valentine's events happening up and down the country. Buy a thoughtful gift, but remember, this day isn't just for couples. So use the day to tell someone special how much they really mean to you.

**WATCH:** Today sees the release of Shah Rukh Khan's latest film *Billu Barber*. Even if the film doesn't turn out to be too great, it will totally be worth watching the hot songs that have been playing on the music channels, on the big screen. A remake of a south-Indian film, the story revolves around the friendship between a village barber and a famous Bollywood star.



**READ:** The Oscars being around the corner means the hype surrounding brilliant film *Slumdog Millionaire* is set to intensify. So if you haven't done so already, read the book that the movie was based on and get a step ahead of your friends. Written by Vikas Swarup, *Q & A* is actually better than the film and has a lot of extra elements.

**LISTEN:** Enjoy the brilliant beats of *Bhangra Latina*. Produced by Kuljit Bhamra and performed by a live orchestra, the musical show combines big bhangra beats with Latin music. It is on at St Georges, Great George Street in Bristol on Sunday (15). See *What's On* for further details.

**DANCE:** If you want to learn some classical Kathak moves, attend a workshop hosted by ace dancer Gauri Sharma Tripathi. There is one at Queen Elizabeth Hall in London on Sunday (15). See *What's On* for information.

**CHECK OUT:** Watch iconic police officer Dr Kiran Bedi hand out her own brand of justice on *Aap Ki Kacheri* on Star Plus at 10pm, Mondays-Thursdays. The Indian version of *Judge Judy* has plenty of drama and a no-nonsense host.

**BUY:** Ladies, if you were a fan of Britney Spear's fragrance range, you will be pleased to know she has added another sexy and seductive perfume to her collection. *Hidden Fantasy* is an intriguing addition to her previous *Fantasy* and *Midnight Fantasy* scents that were especially created for the woman who lets her imagination run wild. So guys, if you are stuck for a Valentine's Day gift idea, this could be the perfect buy that has arrived just in time to solve your problem.

