

Peri, Peri Masala

The actress been busy running her dad's business... Here's why Perizaad Zorabian loves playing FOWL!

Nah, she hasn't quit acting! In a pair of well-fitting black leather pants, a golden, sequined top and sky-scraping heels, this gorgeous mother-of-two can give the current actresses a run for their money.

Jogger's Park actress Perizaad Zorabian, who will soon be seen in a play and also hosting a show on the small screen, was in the city on Saturday to inaugurate a frozen food outlet.

Mirror caught up with the Perizaad to know why she has kept away from the arc lights. Here are excerpts from a tête-à-tête...

BUSY BUSINESSWOMAN

Our frozen foods business has kept me busy. I returned to India after completing my MBA in the US to my father's business. But then, acting happened to me. I feel fortunate to have had a relatively good career in offbeat independent cinema with films like *Bollywood Calling*, *Jogger's Park*, *Ek Ajnabee*, et al.

NOT GIVING UP ACTING

I started looking after the packaging, marketing and advertising for our wholesale brand, which my father has been running for the last 25 years. Now, I look after it. But I have not given up acting; I am doing a play, *Dinner with Friends*. It is a story about four friends, two marriages and one divorce. Also, I will be seen judging a pan-India talent hunt show, *Colours of Youth*.

BOLLYWOOD THEN AND NOW

The industry is doing fantastic now, it has more space for actors now and yes, of course, it is still star dependent. There are good scripts, great, unconventional actors and people are experimenting. So, I think there are no limitations anymore in Bollywood.

PROMISING TALENT

I think Alia Bhatt is doing great work, she is spunky and I feel she is an actor who experiments. And she is so real on screen. When I watch her, I feel there is no pretence in her work. Earlier, there was a certain divide between offbeat and commercial actresses. But now, commercial Bollywood actors are really good.

COMEBACK?

Now that my kids are grown-up, I've started taking up things which have shorter time commitments. So now I think it's time for me to be brave and go back to screen. If I get a good script, I am definitely ready to come back. —AM

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As Glittering as Gold

Kadamb Centre for Dance and Music entered its 50th year in September and to celebrate the feat, the centre is set to enthral with a dance festival next month. The 'Suvarna Parva' fest will see 100 Kathak dancers perform over three days, including Kadamb students.

Veteran danseuse Kumudini Lakhia said, "When I started teaching Kathak, there were only three children. After a month, one

student left and I had just two kids learning. Now, I have 200 children!"

"Almost 4,000 students have passed out from this institute and you can see Aditi Mangaldas, Maulik-Ishira, Sanjukta Sinha, Prashant Shah, Vaishali Trivedi, Urja Thakore (London), Parul Shah (USA) and many others perform during the festival," Lakhia explained.

The highlight of the festival is a performance by Guru Birju Maharaj on the final day. —AM

BHAVESH RAVAT



Of Thrills and Chills

MOVIE This Friday's BO saw nothing less than six releases and one of them is called *Four Pillars of Basement*. Actors Dilzan Wadia and Alaya Singh were in the city on Saturday to promote their film at a city hotel. The plot has a psychotic security guard (Wadia) who traps a woman (Singh) in the basement parking lot of a mall. Up for this thriller?