

2020

# AKANKSHA

*B H A N D A R I*

PROFILE



# BIOGRAPHY

Akanksha Bhandari arrived in Bollywood in 2018 with the song 'Tere Liye' from Namaste England in collaboration with Atif Aslam but her journey started way back. A native of Amritsar, Bhandari began singing at an early age. She came to Mumbai to further her studies, however, this singer-songwriter didn't shy away from chasing her dreams of making a career in the music industry.

With sheer hard work and determination, she has emerged as one of India's most versatile singing talents. Now a full-fledged recording and performing artist, Akanksha has not only sung for hit Bollywood movies, she has also shared the stage with some of the biggest Bollywood sensations - Arijit Singh, Papon, Badshah, Shaan and the likes. The 27-year-old singer also had the opportunity to perform at festivals such as Socialnation, and Bollywood Music Project.

Before her playback career, Akanksha caught on to popularity with her covers and mashups online, gaining recognition from the original performers including Arijit Singh, Jaani, B-Praak, Prateek Kuhaad, and Harshdeep Kaur. Staying true to her roots, she ventured into independent music space, and released her multilingual folk EP, 'Raahi.' It contains renditions of three hand-picked native tunes that she came across on her journey to Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Assam.



## SONGS



# *TERE LIYE*

Namaste England



# *PEH GAYA KHALARA*

Fukrey Returns

# ORIGINAL SONGS



## NOOR

Akanksha Bhandari | Lost Stories | Zaeden



## MANZOOR HAI

Manav ft. Akanksha Bhandari



## TU MERE SAATH HAI

Sarthak Nakul Originals



## DIL ROYA VE

Manzar Muzik | Akanksha Bhandari



## PEHLI BAARISH

Akanksha Bhandari



## YAARI

Manzar Muzik

# COVERS



## ROKE NA RUKE NAINA

Female Cover Song By Akanksha Bhandari



## MAIN RAHOON YA NA RAHOON

Female Cover Version - Akanksha Bhandari ft. Salamat Ali



## PACHTAOGE

Akanksha Bhandari



## MAIN TERI HO GAYI

Akanksha Bhandari | Naveen Pandit | Millind Gaba

# COVERS



## MANN BHARRYA

Akanksha Bhandari | Archit Shah | Ankur Chakravorty



## MAIN TUMHARA

Akanksha Bhandari



## DIL BEPARWAH

Akanksha Bhandari



## AGAR TUM SAATH HO | AAOGE JAB TUM

Akanksha Bhandari ft. Amritanshu Dutta

# PICTURES



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# Singer recreates *Tera Love* as a Punjabi folk flava

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SHRELI JAI AKKASHA Bhundari took to instant popular Punjabi folk singer in 2016 with her characterful wedding song *Peh Pehs Kachhri*. She was crowned at last with Pakistani singer Aulfi Aakha. The song *Tera Love* featuring Arjun Kapoor and Parminder Chopra celebrates the feeling of being in love.

Composed by Mannan Das and written by Javed Akhtar, the song topped the charts within days of its release.

Inspired by the overwhelming response to the musical, the duo decided to recreate a version of *Tera Love* and release it on her YouTube channel. Talking about her experience of recreating the song, she says, "When I heard Aulfi's version, the song has been on top of the composition and I loved it. The lyrics and messages and calls from my friends and friends encouraged me to do it."

She decided to give a version a Punjabi folk flava. "I thought music English is about a Punjabi couple, Aulfi being a girl, and I was singing," she says.

Bhondari moved to Mumbai to pursue higher studies, but her luck had other plans. "I was always into music, I was always doing my MBA but wanted to make a career in singing," I said to participants in the competition of singing and collecting votes. I started doing stage shows and singing in the college into places, and I got my big break in playback singing, and then I got into the film industry, and I got into the competition of Godfather in the industry. I am glad that I am singing a song that is so high on a high note with the Punjabi community."

Return: It has been so long since I sang a song like this, till now," says the duo, who are currently finishing touches to a new Himachali folk song for her channel.

The love for music, says Akkasha, comes from her mother who has a melodious voice but could not pursue her dream of becoming a singer because of certain family issues.

"I used to sing with her but never received formal training, but now I am receiving training for the last two years from different gurus," she says.

Bhondari divides her time between playback singing and working on her YouTube channel, giving due attention to both.

# AKANKSHA ON CLOUD NINE

## THE SINGER IS HAPPY OVER THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH ATIF ASLAM FOR THE SONG *TERE LIYE* WHICH IS TOPPING THE CHARTS


Akanksha Bhandari is super excited after having a chance to work with Pakistani legend Atif Aslam in what is just her second song in Bollywood. The song *Tere Liye* composed by Mannan Shaah hit the top of the charts in the very first two days of the launch.

So much so that Akanksha has decided to make her own version of *Tere Liye* and release it on her own channel this is clearly the kind of response Akanksha is getting from the industry and her fans.

A k a n k s h a made her Bollywood debut with the song *Peh*

Gaya Khalara from the film *Fukrey* Returns last year. She hails from Ambala and had actually come to Mumbai for further studies. But, her passion for music always had her work towards her singing dreams.

Speaking about the film version of *Tere Liye*, Akanksha says, "Prasad Shasthe, who produced this track called me to sing *Tere Liye*. I sang my bit and Mannan Shaah, the music director, loved my voice and did not think of recording any other voice. Later, I came to know that it was in the movie *Namaste England* starring Parineeti Chopra and Arjun. This is like a dream come true for me."

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