

Shah Rukh, Kareena add glamour to Balaji awards nite

Bollywood badshah Shah Rukh Khan was there and so was Kareena Kapoor, looking gorgeous in a slinky red sari and backless blouse, with current boyfriend Saif Ali Khan in tow at Balaji Telefilm's gala television awards function here.

The Future Group Global Indian TV Honours event Friday night at the Andheri Sports Complex, in northwest Mumbai, also had Lara Dutta, Suniel Shetty and Karan Johar adding to the Bollywood presence.

Shah Rukh came to the function not because he had begun his acting career on television. He came as a Bollywood superstar and proved it when he presented an inimitable act at the function.

Balaji honoured him for being the best anchor in the quiz show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 3'. Siddharth Basu, who put together the show for Star Plus, announced at the function that Shah Rukh would again host the show that is to be telecast soon.

While Lara Dutta came to perform at the show, Suniel Shetty conferred the Global India TV Honour to Karan Johar, whose chat show 'Koffee With Karan' (Season 2) was adjudged as the Best Talk Show of 2007.

Karan and Ekta Kapoor, the owner of Balaji Telefilms Ltd, broke into an impromptu jig on the stage together. Later, both did a short spoof on 'Koffee With Karan' when Ekta interviewed him.

'What will be the title if he ever made a serial on 'Kabhie Khushi Kabhi Gham' with Shah Rukh Khan heading the cast?' Ekta asked. Karan replied: 'Kabhi Saas, Kabhi Devdas'.

The next question: 'If you roped in all the Khans of Bollywood for a serial, what title will you give to it?' 'Khan-Dan', Karan quipped.

Bollywood's star turnout was also the biggest at Ekta's show. Most of them were called up on stage to confer the honours, unlike in other television award functions where TV artistes hand over awards to one another. The Bollywood touch added glamour to her show and made it all the more alluring.

Perhaps, the head honcho of Balaji Telefilms planned it that way. Otherwise why would she choose to confer an honour on Kareena Kapoor at a television function.

Kareena's tantalizing presence in red sari and backless blouse as she sashayed to the stage to accept the award from Jeetendra and Raakesh Roshan fetched loud cheers. Boy friend Saif Ali Khan was there among the audience cheering lustily.

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