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Everything you need to know
about Bollywood in the 90s

Creator Spotlight

Take a look at our unique
interview
featuring
CIN

Small Business Spotlight: Special Edition

Groove down memory lane
with the hottest 90s themed
events in the Bay Area



POOLSIDE

Barbies



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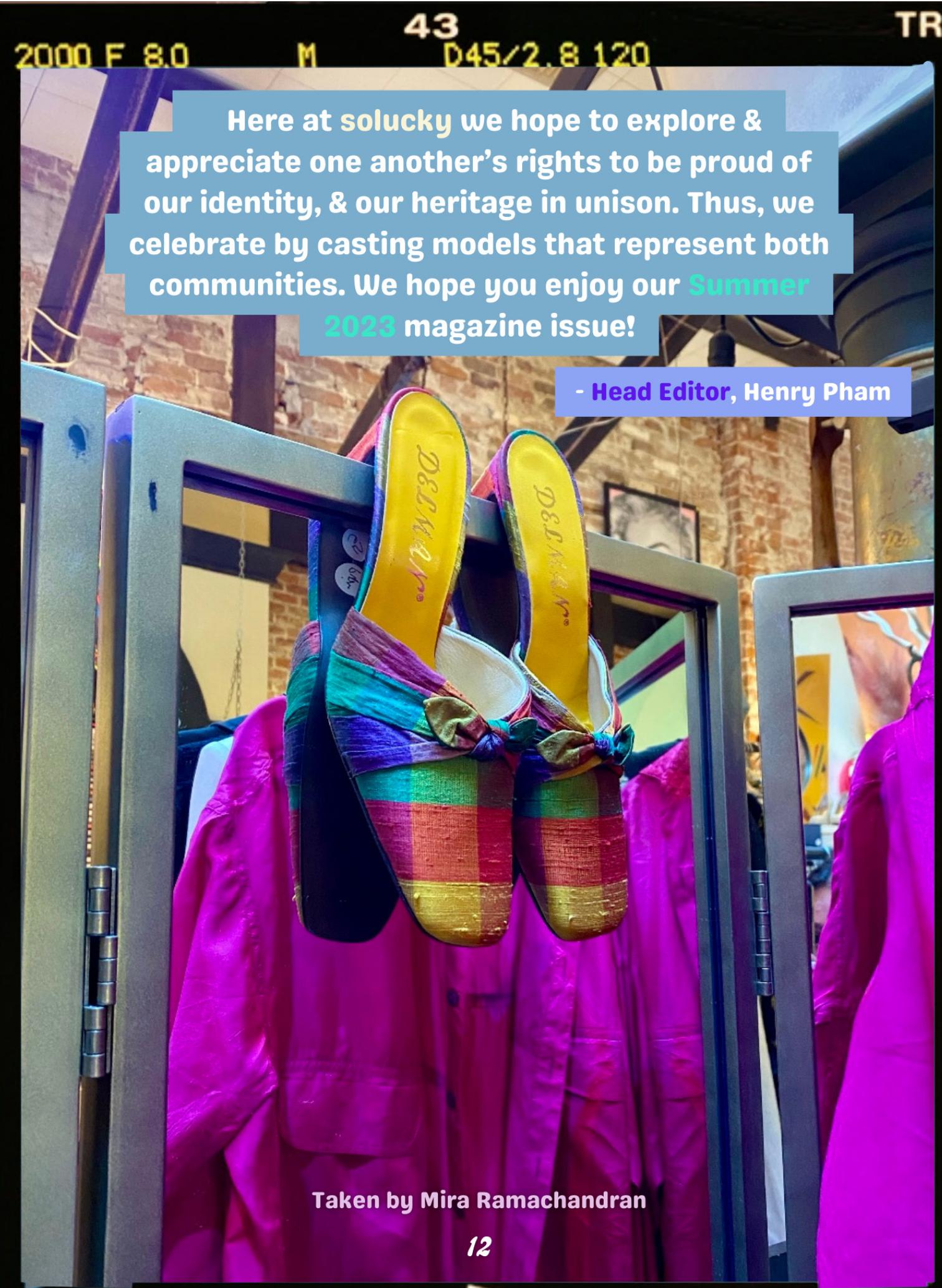
for the community

The months of **June & July** represent significant celebration avenues for the **LGBTQ+** community & the **South Asian** community. It is a testament to the beauty & diversity of individuality, & representation within the larger narrative. As is valid with any issue of **solucky**, we hope to recognize & shed light on these historically marginalized communities, thus fostering acceptance, understanding, & unity.

The history of **Pride Month** stems from the advocacy of the right to individualism, the right to love, & the will to live freely. Marked by parades, events, & gatherings every **June**, **Pride** distinguishes itself as a time of solidarity & allyship where people come together to celebrate differences between our identity sexual identification, & orientation. By celebrating **Pride Month**, we honor the legacy of those who have fought for **LGBTQ+** rights & renew our commitment to building a more exclusive world for everyone.

On a similar note, **South Asian Heritage Month** celebrates the diverse & rich experiences who are from the **South Asian** region. Each distinct, though has shared a profound contribution to literature, science, music, cuisine, & philosophy. From July 18th to August 17th, opens an opportunity to explore & appreciate this incredible diversity not only within the **Bay Area** but the global narrative. It's also a chance to delve into deeply-rooted traditions such as Diwali, Eid, Holi, & other festivals that are so important to **South Asian** culture.

Despite the differences between the **LGBTQ+** community as well the **South Asian** community, both share a history of stigma & discrimination. By sharing these unique stories we break down the walls of misunderstanding & generalizations. The synergy between these two communities is a reminder that diversity is a treasure that enriches our **Bay Area** community (& beyond).



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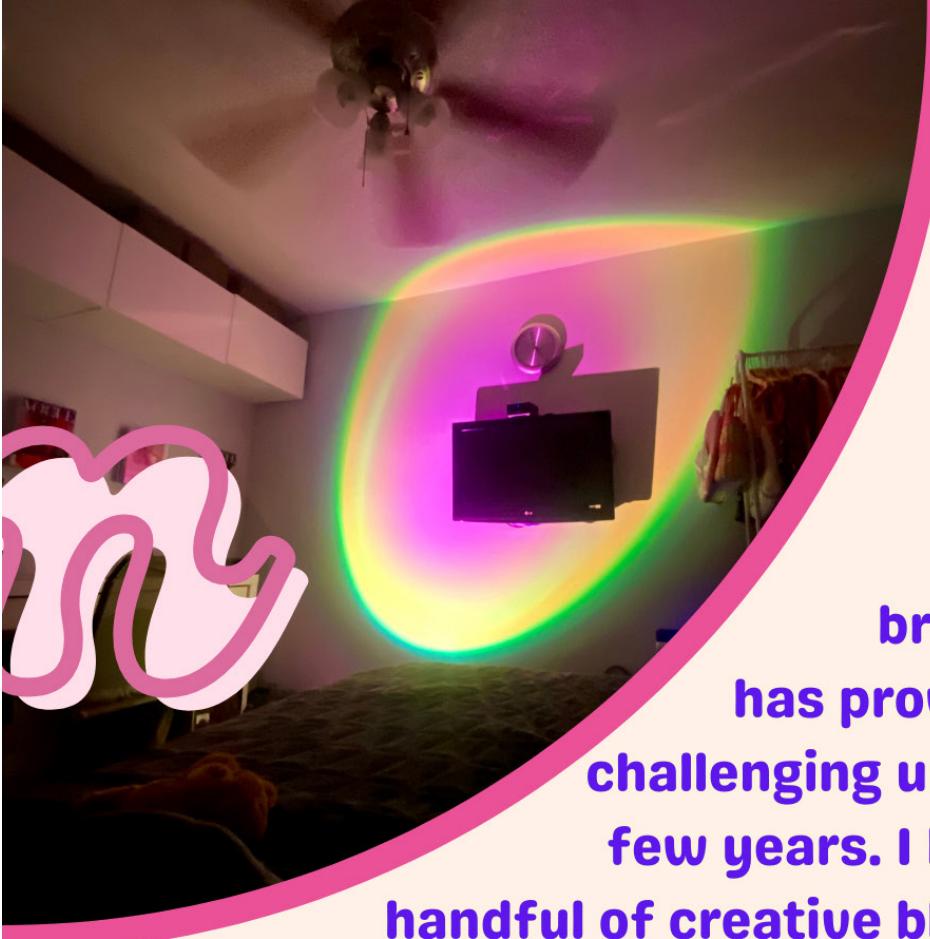
From the Founder

Taken by Sanjana Solanki

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the most exciting
part, to say the least.

ALL photos submitted
by Sanjana Solanki



Finally, the long-awaited Summer magazine edition, our beloved Issue #18 magazine is here. Gathering the team & bringing together Issue #18 has proven to be one of the most challenging undertakings in the recent few years. I have encountered quite a handful of creative blocks and literal schedule blocks that have sadly delayed other magazine issues, collaborations, etc. These struggles are expected, however, they are what makes overcoming them



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Over the past few years, one might assume that releasing digital magazine issues would become smoother over time. While practice usually leads to improvement, with our brand, certain aspects have only become more challenging. To be clear, with nineteen issues out, many aspects have become consistent, clear, and basically repetitive. So, the difficulty is not found within the process of putting together one magazine issue but is found in balancing the responsibilities with other priorities.

As time goes by, the team,



As every year including myself, tend to add on more duties as we enter adulthood, full-time. It is completely natural as well as expected, to become entirely busy with other aspects of our lives. However, this new chapter of adulthood can sometimes bring interruptions & delays to new magazine issue releases.

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With that being said, we sincerely thank you for always being patient with us & supporting our efforts no matter what, it is immensely appreciated.

Additionally, some delays can be due to focusing on other aspects of the brand. For instance, we recently held a surprise sale in Santa Cruz on 7/22 with our very own Lasya Ramakrishnan & Mira Ramachandran, who also sold second-hand clothing along with us. This event was a part of the So-So Markets in Santa Cruz, a recurring event almost every other weekend. As a brand, we have already made our transition from in-person second-hand clothing sales to our online store. Although, with still a large inventory, it was necessary to try to get rid of inventory over the Summer. We are planning to hold another in-person sale in Berkeley, sometime very soon! Stay up to date by following us on Instagram, @solucky.life!

- Sanjana Solanki,
Founder of solucky <3



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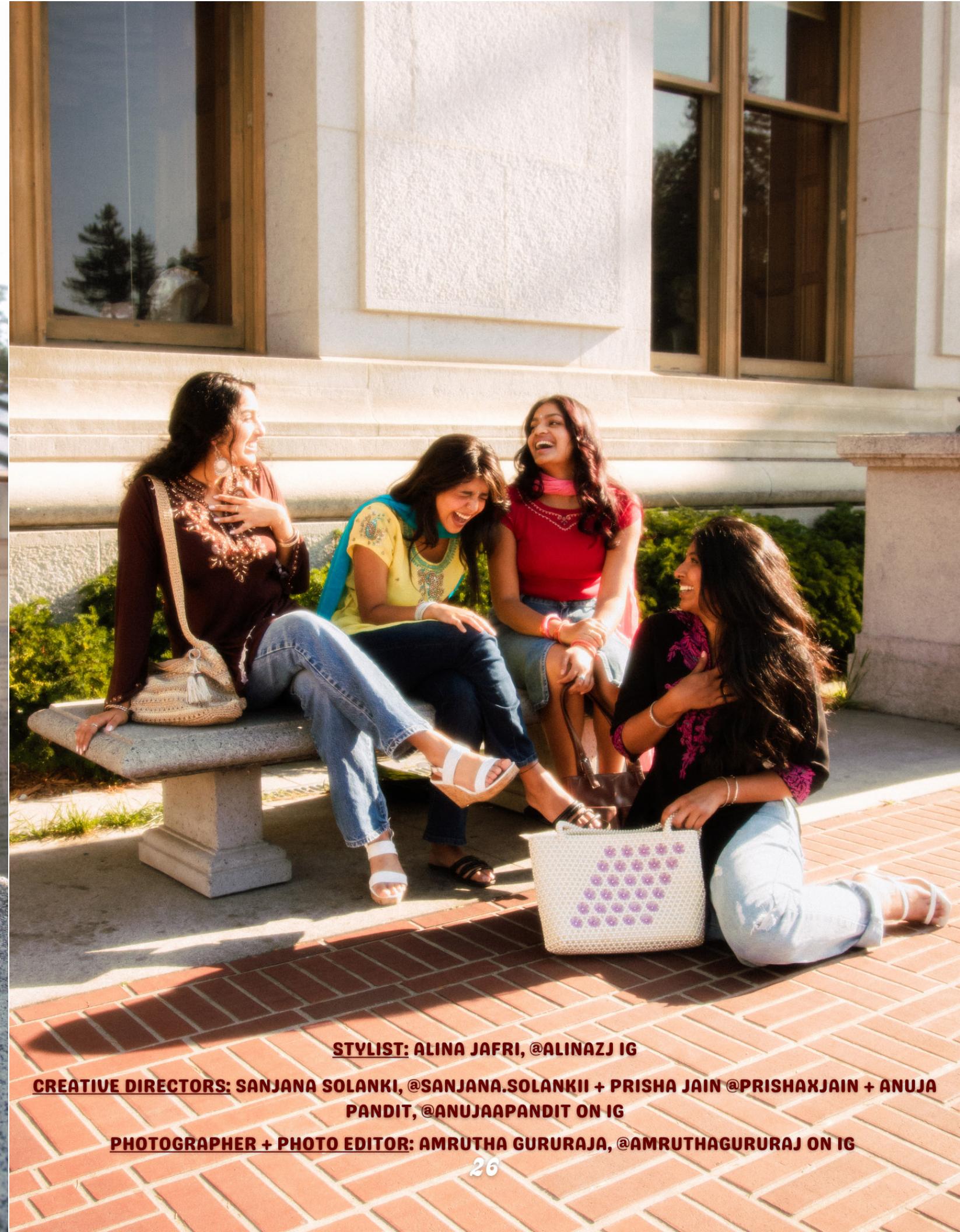
Bollywood Babes



inspired by some of the most iconic 90s Bollywood actresses
& a homage to our Brown Barbies <3



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loves exploring the world around her & spending time with family & friends



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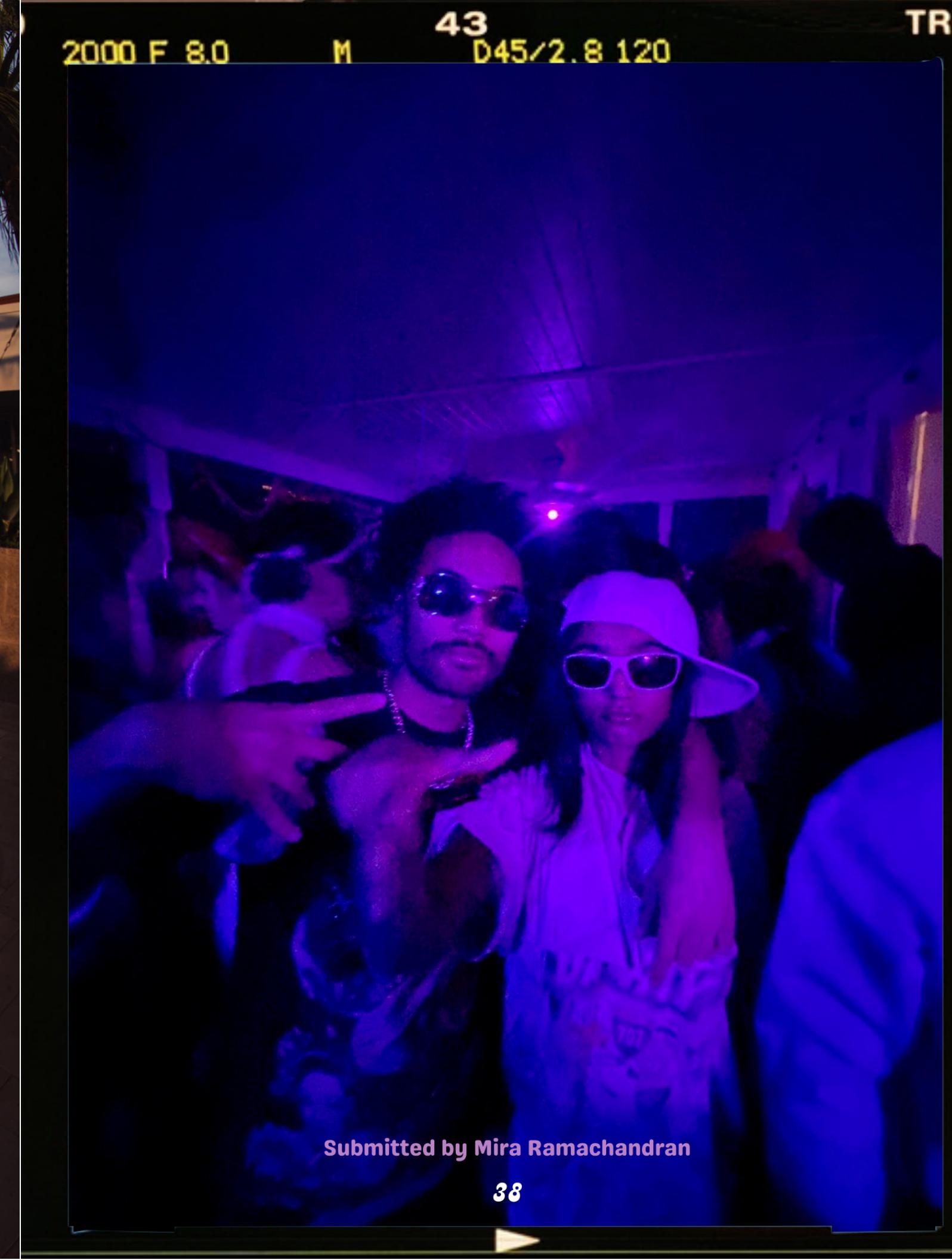
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solucky wardrobe

For this issue's theme, "90s Casting Call", we have dedicated our wardrobe to completely feature 90s styles as well as a focus on Barbie (duh!). With the iconic Barbie movie recently released, we thought it would be a wonderful idea to incorporate the aesthetic into this magazine issue. Due to this recent premiere, Issue #18's wardrobe will be filled with 90s staples as well as practically anything pink! It was within our intentions to bring in a fusion of the two aesthetics to truly capture our overall theme for this issue.

You can also discover our collection of magazine issues from #12 to #18 within our solucky wardrobe. We will be consistently unveiling fresh wardrobes with each new magazine release, so be sure to stay connected by following us on Instagram, @solucky.life! If you have any inquiries, do not hesitate to send us a direct message!





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CREATOR SPOTLIGHT

2023

Who?.....CIN

Profession?.....R&B sing/rap artist

Written by?.....Joseangel Peña-Gutierrez

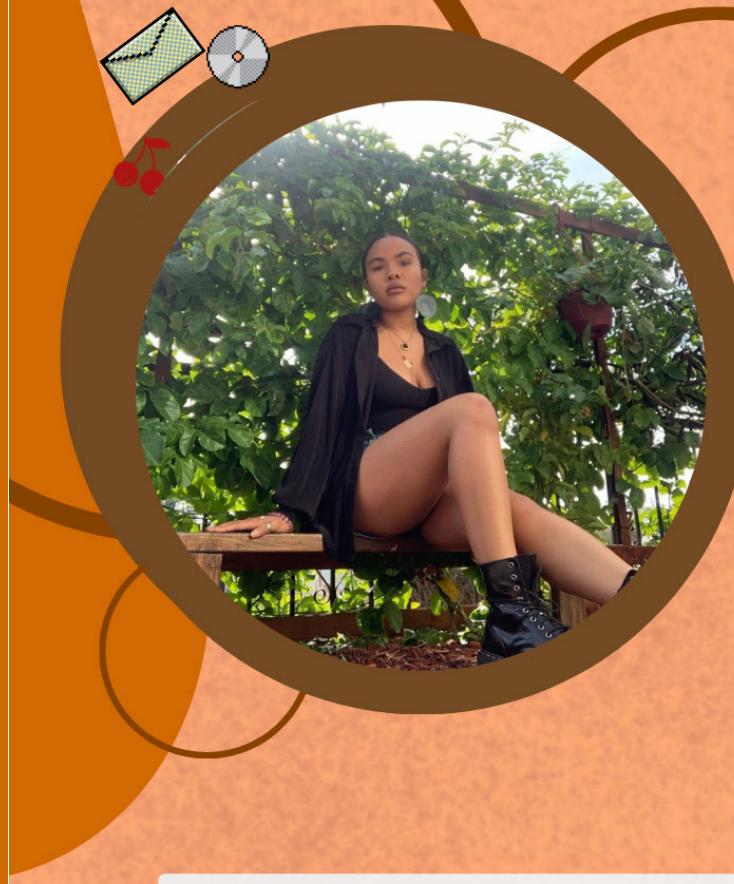
Cinthya Barron or CIN is a singer, poet, & youth advocate from San Diego who is now based in Oakland, CA. **CIN** is a visual artist whose performances have generated views on Instagram & YouTube. **CIN'S** original song “**Daze**” performed on @yoletslab on Instagram has close to **14,000 views**. Despite not having an artist profile on any major streaming services, **CIN** has found a way to attract listeners through live performances or collaborations with other brands that promote rising artists. I had an over-the-phone conversation with **CIN** where we talked about her life, music influences, performance style, & more!

CIN moved from San Diego to Oakland to pursue an education in the psychology field. Her emphasis was to advocate for mental health resources for minority youth.

During her time & Oakland, she started out as a poet & eventually branched out into performing music.



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“I have a lot of flexibility when it comes to my art it is not just music. Poetry is very vulnerable for me but it didn’t feel like I was ripping my heart out & giving it to you whole. Music to me is kind of like a ripping-my-heart-out kind of thing as an artist highlighting my vulnerability is a big thing for me.”

CIN identifies as an Afro-Mexican person & her cultural duality is reflected in her art.

“It (cultural duality) shows up a lot more in my poetry rather than my music. With my poetry there is a lot more political stances that I can take. There is really only one song right now that I want to drop that incorporates a little Spanish. Growing up I was viewed as not really Mexican enough and not Black enough. Being at the intersection of two very rich cultures can be a lot.”

A lot of **CIN**'s performances that are posted on her instagram portray a very intimate setting where the vibe can be felt through the screen. When it comes to performing **CIN** tries to set herself apart.

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"When it comes to us as artists & creatives people really want you to be in a box. Boxes have never been a place for me to be in, being a creative I think having fluidity is awesome. A past show I brought a magazine I work with 'Quilt' & did a poem during the performance".

CIN loves connecting with an audience on a personal level as well.

"If I could bottle the feeling of being connected with an audience & drink it I would drink it everyday. You're being accepted from the most inner parts of you that might be hard to communicate on a normal day to day. It makes me feel less alone in my own struggle."

CIN talks about her creative process that is natural balance of freestyling & sitting down & writing music.

"Usually it's a freestyle, songs like Daze was a freestyle it was 7:30 in the morning before I went to work. I took one take and never touched it again. Other songs I'll take a time to sit down & write & focus on my lyrics & how they fit."

For **CIN**'s upcoming plans she is trying to break herself out of her comfort zone & hopes to get started on releasing more music.

"I kind of made a pact with myself that by the end of this year I will have something out. I have a few features that are coming out. They are not my songs but just songs I am hopping on. Right now I am trying to be in the studio more and learn how to navigate this process of actually putting music out. Eventually I want to have merch...I am into holistic healing I think I should make like a tea blend or some incense".



CIN can be found on Instagram:
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a solucky curated edition

SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

CURATED & WRITTEN BY MIKAILA BRAMLETTE

If this playlist does not fit your music taste, do not worry as we will have a new curated playlist in our next issue for you to explore! In addition, make sure to check out our all-time favorites on our Spotify account - the gems playlist!

scan the code in the app's camera to listen to our newest playlist :)



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Submitted by Mira Ramachandran

90s rewind

Britney Spears, Nirvana, Spice Girls, & more

Step into a time machine & transport yourself back to the exhilarating & vibrant era of the 90s with this captivating playlist with all of your favorite hits. Get ready to groove, reminisce, & discover the magic of a decade that shaped pop culture like no other. With an array of nostalgic anthems including Britney Spears' "...Baby One More Time" to Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit", this playlist ensures an immersive musical journey that caters to a an array of tastes & preferences. The 90s was a melting pot of musical genres & this mix perfectly captures the diversity of the era & the cultural impact the songs had on society. Witness the rise of Boy Bands like Backstreet Boys & girl Bands like Spice Girls that had everyone dancing & singing along. Delve into the rebellious spirit of grunge/rock that became a symbol of a generation's attitude with the works of the Foo Fighters, Red Hot Chili Peppers, etc. So, plug in those headphones, hit play, & let the euphoria of the 90s wash over you. Get ready to dance, sing, & relive a time that left an indelible mark on music history. This playlist is not just a collection of songs; it's a portal to an era that will leave you longing for more. Find this playlist by scanning the code (on page 49) through the Spotify app's camera!

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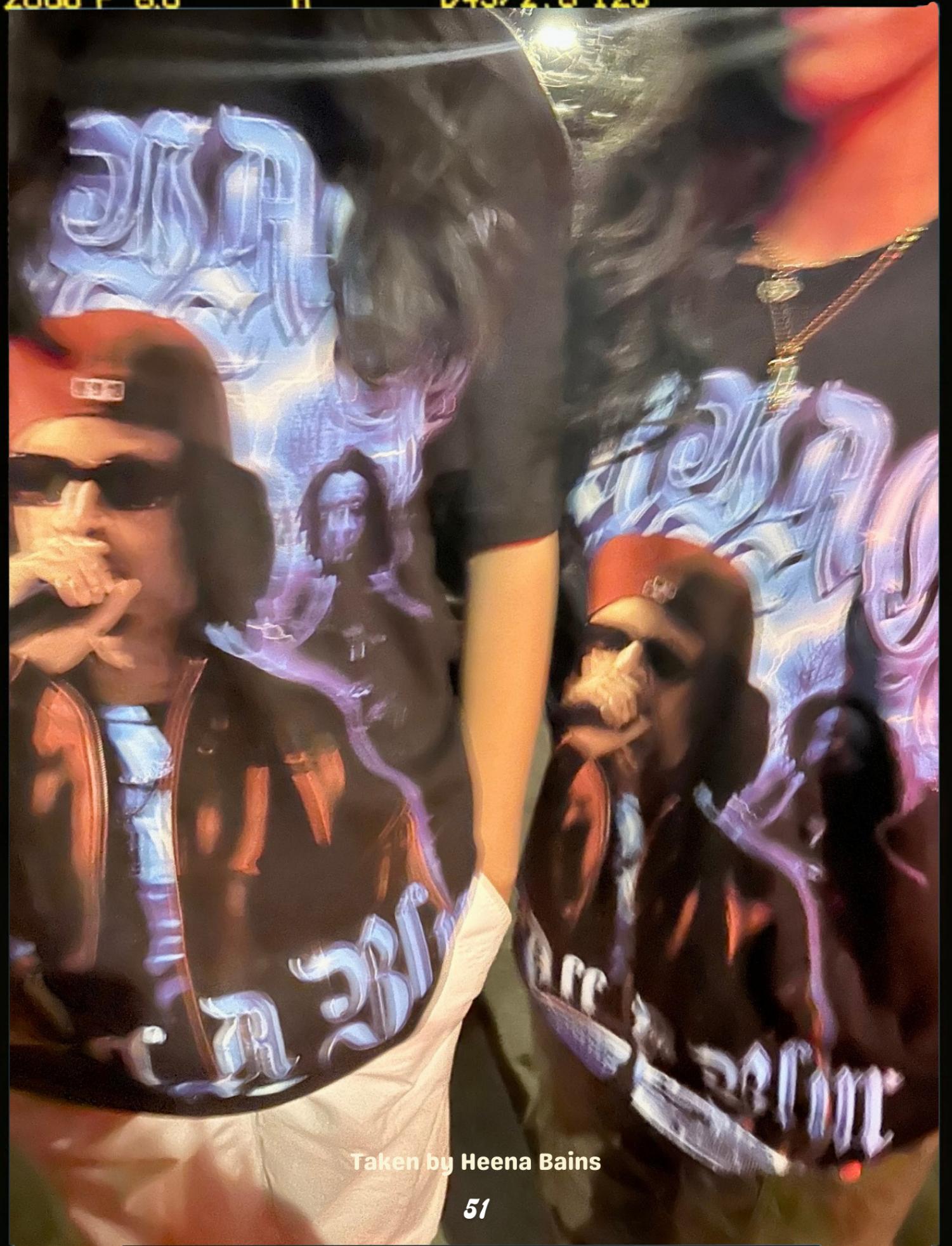
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cooking

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trivia

recently turned
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some of his
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exploring fashion,
diving into fitness
routines, &
indulging in
trying new foods

he also has a
keen interest
in fashion, &
he loves
exploring
different
cities & their
culinary
delights



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**Small Business
Spotlight:**

Upcoming 90's Events in the Bay to Check Out!

Embrace the ultimate 90s extravaganza with these upcoming local events in the Bay Area. Get ready to time warp back to the raddest era of them all with these electrifying events that will allow you to relive the decade that brought us iconic pop sensations, grunge, & other cultural milestones.

Start searching for your best Cher Horowitz outfit because costumes are encouraged at the Whatever! 90s - Y2K Party happening at The Record Bar, 177 Eddy Street San Francisco, CA 94102 on September 9th starting at 10:00PM, no cover fee! This location aims to bring back the joy of living in the past back to life with music from an era that transcends time. Be sure to book your tickets & reserve your spot because DJ PERSIA is ready to play all your favorite 90s pop hits at this dance party event!

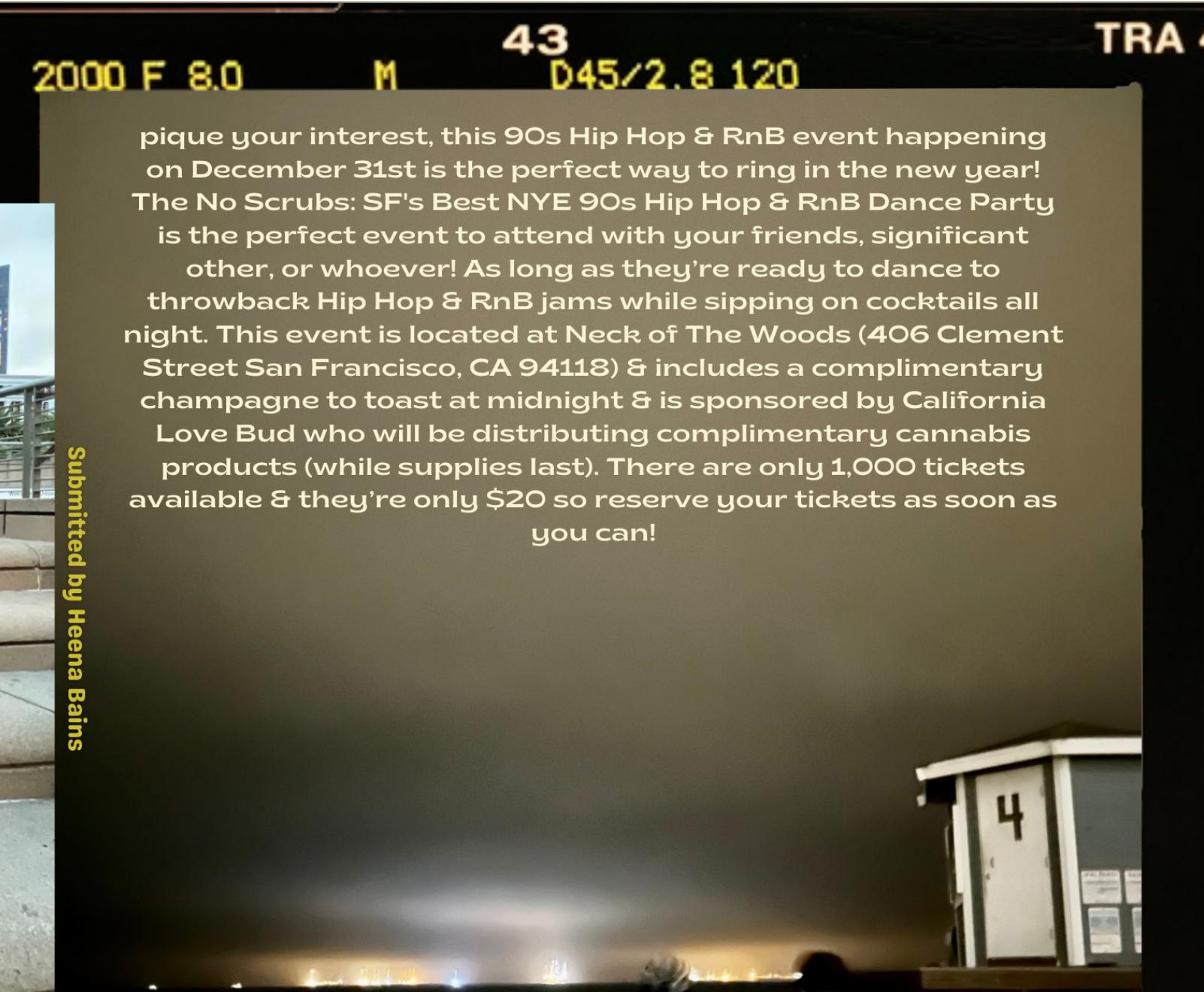
Get ready to dust off those old flannel shirts &



clunky Doc Martens for the Flannel (90s Alt-Rock/Grunge) + Nirvanish (Nirvana Tribute) show featuring two bands & a guaranteed awesome night! Who doesn't love affordable live music? This is happening at Retro Junkie (2112 North Main Street Walnut Creek, CA 94596) on Saturday, September 30th with doors opening at 6:00PM

& the concert starting at 7:00PM. Be sure to get there early to enjoy dinner & drinks in the Beer Garden with plenty of outdoor seating & an on-site food truck at 7:00PM. Tickets are starting at \$10 for their early bird special but they are limited & will go up in price so don't wait!

Now if those didn't



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pique your interest, this 90s Hip Hop & RnB event happening on December 31st is the perfect way to ring in the new year! The No Scrubs: SF's Best NYE 90s Hip Hop & RnB Dance Party is the perfect event to attend with your friends, significant other, or whoever! As long as they're ready to dance to throwback Hip Hop & RnB jams while sipping on cocktails all night. This event is located at Neck of The Woods (406 Clement Street San Francisco, CA 94118) & includes a complimentary champagne to toast at midnight & is sponsored by California Love Bud who will be distributing complimentary cannabis products (while supplies last). There are only 1,000 tickets available & they're only \$20 so reserve your tickets as soon as you can!

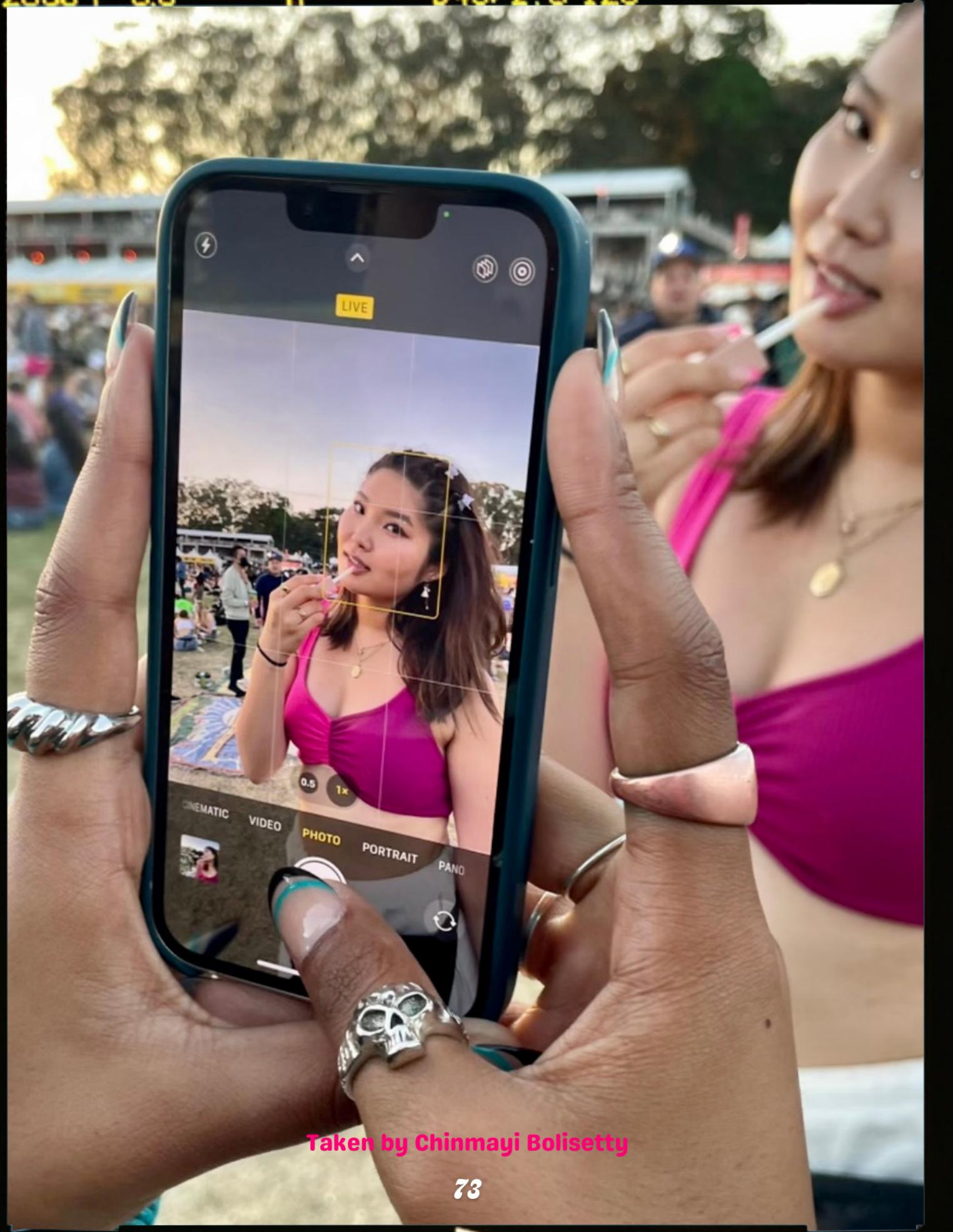


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Submitted by Mira Ramachandran



From *Clueless* to *She's All That*, you may remember some of your favorite 90s movies when you think back to the decade's iconic fashion. However, for me,

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai & *Jab Pyaar Kisise Hota Hai* instantly come to mind. The infamous trends of the decade thrived in Bollywood movies & shaped the fashion culture in India that still has rippling effects to this day, birthing iconic trends.

Heroines

90s fashion in Bollywood created icons. Whether it was their breathtaking blowouts or glamorous designs, many individuals were heavily inspired by the beauty & style trends these movie stars set in their decade. Actresses such as Aishwarya Rai, Rani Mukerji, & the sister duo Karisha & Kareena Kapoor became the "it-girls" of India. Their iconic looks continue to be admired as timeless pieces in Bollywood's fashion archives & influences beyond the 90s era.

The HAIR

South Asians take their hair care very seriously. So, it's no surprise that their hair was a statement that contributed drastically to beauty, even altering fashion trends to compliment one's hair. Actresses always knew how to make their hair the crowning accessory! Whether styled in an iconic 90s blowout or other fashionable hairstyles of the time, their hair always added a touch of glamor to their appearance. As soon as these stars graced the big screen, their hair became an instantly recognizable & iconic part of their overall looks, captivating audiences with its sheer allure & beauty.

Fashion Fusion

While Bollywood had distinct trends in fashion, Western fashion trends also began to play an influence- thus shaping the industry as a whole. Costume design in Bollywood films not only accurately portrayed the characters but also represented & influenced the culture of that era. Western trends like cropped shirts, headbands, & tracksuits became influential pieces in the evolution of Indian fashion.

It's important to note that while embracing Western styles, Bollywood infused them with the unique touch of South Asian fashion, creating a distinct blend. This fusion of fashion was evident in iconic figures like actress Karisha Kapoor, who effortlessly combined a cropped sweater & linen pants with a shawl & bold jewelry, exemplifying the harmonious blend of East & West.

90s fashion in Bollywood went beyond mere aesthetics. It played a crucial role in empowering feminine expression in a society steeped in tradition. By fearlessly experimenting with the fusion of Eastern & Western styles, Bollywood celebrated & redefined feminine fashion, breaking barriers & ushering in a new era of creativity & diversity in the Indian fashion landscape that flourishes today.

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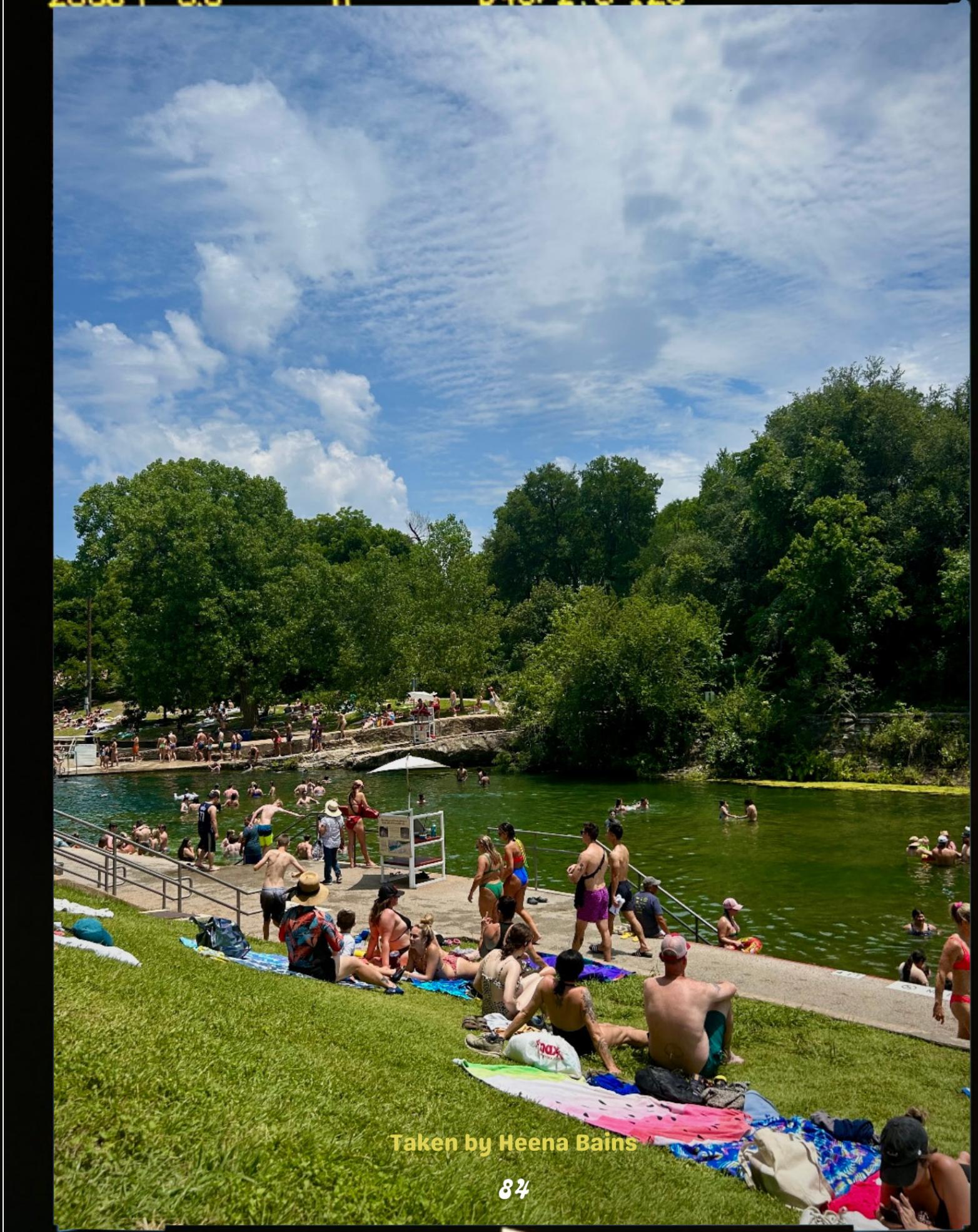
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OUTFITS
with black heels

INSPIRED BY ICONIC TV SHOW/FILM CHARACTERS FROM THE 90S

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The Contributors Interest Form is for anyone who is passionate & looking for an opportunity of a creative outlet to contribute. Being a contributor with the solucky team will give you voluntary experience from solucky as a brand/magazine &/or simply showcase your work submission(s). This form will allow you to choose what kind of role or submission you would want with the brand. Our team is composed of multi-talented writers, photographers, editors, designers, & curators. We welcome any kind of passionate work or workers, so feel free to send us a submission at any time! This experience is perfect for resume building & finding the right experience for you!

COLLABORATION

INTEREST FORM

Our Collaboration Interest Form is open to anyone who is looking for a marketing opportunity to expand the audience reach of their services. We welcome any kind of local business owners, small creators, organizations, etc. Previous collaborations have included jewelry, clothing, photoshoots, etc. If you have an idea for a collaboration that could work well with both of our audiences, feel free to send us a submission at any time & we can discuss!



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