

= Shahid Kapoor =

Shahid Kapoor (pronounced [ʃaːhɪd ʃ kəˈpuːr] ; born 25 February 1981) , also known as Shahid Khattar , is an Indian actor who appears in Hindi films . The son of actors Pankaj Kapur and Neelima Azeem , Kapoor was born in New Delhi . His parents separated when he was three , and he continued living with his mother . They moved to Mumbai when he was 10 , where he joined Shiamak Davar 's dance academy . Kapoor appeared as a background dancer in a few films of the 1990s , and was later featured in music videos and television commercials .

Kapoor made his film debut in 2003 with a leading role in the romantic comedy Ishq Vishk , a sleeper hit for which he won a Filmfare Award for Best Male Debut . He followed it with roles in several commercial failures before starring opposite Amrita Rao in Sooraj Barjatya 's top @-@ grossing family drama Vivah (2006) . Kapoor earned nominations for the Filmfare Award for Best Actor for portraying a troubled businessman in Imtiaz Ali 's romantic comedy Jab We Met (2007) and twin brothers in Vishal Bhardwaj 's caper thriller Kaminey (2009) . After appearing in another series of box office flops , he starred in the action film R ... Rajkumar (2013) ? his highest @-@ grossing release . In 2014 , Kapoor portrayed the Hamlet character in Bhardwaj 's acclaimed drama Haider , for which he won the Best Actor award at Filmfare , and in 2016 , he played a drug abusing singer in the crime drama Udta Punjab .

Cited in the media as one of the most attractive Indian celebrities , Kapoor maintains his popularity despite a fluctuating career trajectory . Initially recognised for portraying romantic roles , Kapoor has since taken on parts in action films and thrillers . He is the recipient of several awards , including two Filmfare Awards . In addition to acting , Kapoor supports charities , hosts award ceremonies , and has featured as a talent judge on the dance reality show Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa Reloaded (2015) . Following a romantic relationship with the actress Kareena Kapoor , he married Mira Rajput , a student from New Delhi , in 2015 .

= = Early life = =

Shahid Kapoor was born in New Delhi on 25 February 1981 to actor Pankaj Kapur and actor @-@ dancer Neelima Azeem . His parents divorced when he was three years old ; his father shifted to Mumbai (and married the actress Supriya Pathak) and Kapoor continued living in Delhi with his mother and maternal grandparents . His grandparents were journalists for the Russian magazine Sputnik , and Kapoor was particularly fond of his grandfather : " He would walk me to school every single day . He would talk to me about dad , with whom he shared a great relationship , and read out his letters to me . " His father , who was then a struggling actor in Mumbai , would visit Kapoor only once a year on his birthday . When Kapoor was 10 , his mother , who was working as a dancer , moved to Mumbai to work as an actress .

In Mumbai , Azeem went on to marry the actor Rajesh Khattar . Kapoor continued living with his mother and Khattar , until they separated in 2001 . Kapoor continues to use the last name Khattar on his passport . He has a maternal half @-@ brother from his mother 's marriage to Khattar . From his father 's marriage to Pathak , he has two paternal half @-@ siblings . Kapoor was educated at the Gyan Bharati School in Delhi and Rajhans Vidyalaya in Mumbai . He later attended Mumbai 's Mithibai College for three years .

Kapoor was interested in dance from an early age , and at the age of 15 , he joined Shiamak Davar 's dance institute . As a student there , Kapoor appeared as a background dancer in the films Dil To Pagal Hai (1997) and Taal (1999) , in which Davar served as choreographer . During a stage show at the institute , Kapoor performed in the songs " Vogue " and " GoldenEye " to a positive response from the audience ; he described the experience as the first time that he " felt like a star " . He later became an instructor at the institute . During this time , Kapoor accompanied a friend to an audition for a Pepsi commercial featuring the stars Shah Rukh Khan , Kajol and Rani Mukerji , but wound up with the part himself . He appeared in television commercials for the brands Kit Kat and Close @-@ Up , among others , and featured in music videos for several performers , including the band Aryans and the singer Kumar Sanu . Kapoor also took on the job of an assistant director to his

father on the 1998 television series Mohandas B.A.L.L.B.

= = Acting career = =

= = = Early work (2003 ? 05) = = =

Having noticed Kapoor in the Aryans ' music video " Aankhon Mein " , the producer Ramesh Taurani was keen to cast him in a film . However , upon meeting him , Taurani thought Kapoor , who was 20 years old at the time , to be too young and underweight to become an actor , and encouraged him to wait for a few years . Kapoor , meanwhile , turned down a lead role in N. Chandra 's sex comedy Style in hopes of working with Taurani . Taurani found a suitable project for Kapoor in the teenage romance Ishq Vishk (2003) , which Ken Ghosh was directing for his company . Kapoor , who trained extensively for a bulkier physical build , was eventually hired . Before beginning work on the film , he attended acting workshops with Naseeruddin Shah and Satyadev Dubey .

Ishq Vishk tells the story of Rajiv Mathur (Kapoor) , a high @-@ school student who engages in a romantic affair with two classmates of contrasting personalities (played by Amrita Rao and Shenaz Treasurywala) . Kapoor was attracted to the idea of playing an unlikable lead since it was a departure from the traditional portrayal of teenage heroes in Indian films . Writing for The Hindu , the critic Ziya Us Salam did not find him to be " hero material " , adding that " boyhood seems to have overstayed on his face ? but he is not necessarily bad in the acting department . " The film , however , proved to be a sleeper hit at the box office and won Kapoor the Filmfare Award for Best Male Debut .

Following his debut , Kapoor reunited with Ghosh in a film he considered to be drastically different from Ishq Vishk . The thriller Fida (2004) featured him as a love @-@ struck student who is manipulated by a woman (Kareena Kapoor) and her lover (Fardeen Khan) to rob a bank . Despite criticising the film , Rama Sharma of The Tribune wrote that Kapoor " shines in his role . He looks fresh . As an impulsive emotional and innocent guy , who is sucked into crime because of these very qualities , he manages to evoke your sympathies . " Later that year , Kapoor appeared in the romantic comedy Dil Maange More in which he was paired opposite three women : Soha Ali Khan , Tulip Joshi , and Ayesha Takia . Patcy N of Rediff.com praised his dancing skills but was wary of his imitation of Shah Rukh Khan 's acting style . Both his 2004 releases were commercially unsuccessful .

The series of poorly received films continued in 2005 , when all three of Kapoor 's films failed at the box office . His first two releases that year were the comedies Deewane Huye Paagal and Vaah ! Life Ho Toh Aisi ! , both of which were largely panned . The former was plagiarised from the Hollywood film There 's Something About Mary in which Kapoor played one of Rimi Sen 's love interests ; the critic Khalid Mohamed found Kapoor to be " the only likeable element in this travesty " but Namrata Joshi of Outlook labelled him " colourless " and criticised his pairing with Sen. His final role was that of a righteous teenager drawn towards a life of indulgence in John Matthew Matthan 's drama Shikhar , co @-@ starring Ajay Devgan , Bipasha Basu and Amrita Rao . The critic Sukanya Verma found Kapoor to be miscast as a village boy in the film , but noted that he was " never short of spontaneity and youthful exuberance " .

= = = Breakthrough (2006 ? 09) = = =

In 2006 , Kapoor played opposite Kareena Kapoor in two films ? the thriller 36 China Town and the comedy Chup Chup Ke . In 36 China Town , a murder mystery from the director duo Abbas ? Mustan , Kapoor starred as one of the seven suspects in the murder of an heiress , and in the Priyadarshan @-@ directed Chup Chup Ke , he played a depressed man who pretends to be deaf and mute . The former was his first commercial success since Ishq Vishk . Greater success came to Kapoor later that year when he starred alongside Amrita Rao in Sooraj Barjatya 's romantic drama

Vivah , a film depicting an arranged marriage . Made on a shoestring budget of ? 100 million (US \$ 1 @. @ 5 million) , the film earned over ? 530 million (US \$ 7 @. @ 9 million) worldwide , and proved to be Kapoor 's highest @- @ grossing film to that point . Reviews of the film , however , were negative ; Raja Sen termed the film a " nightmare " and wrote that Kapoor " isn 't offensively bad , doesn 't ham it up like crazy , or speak in a weird accent . Having said that , he isn 't an actor at all , standing around working on his boyish grin , simply chewing up the scenery . No screen presence at all . "

Kapoor found no success in his first release of 2007 ? the ensemble comedy Fool & Final . However , his second release that year , the Imtiaz Ali @- @ directed romantic comedy Jab We Met proved to be one of the top @- @ grossing films of the year . The film tells the story of a troubled businessman (Kapoor) whose life undergoes a series of changes after he encounters a loquacious girl (Kareena Kapoor) on a train ride . Ali thought that Kapoor 's previous roles failed to justify his acting potential , and thus approached him to portray a more complex character . The BBC noted on how " endearing " he was in the film and Rajeev Masand of CNN @- @ IBN wrote that he left an " indelible impression with a performance that is understated and mature " in a film he thought primarily belonged to Kareena Kapoor . For his performance , Kapoor received his first nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Actor .

After featuring opposite Vidya Balan in the romantic comedy Kismet Konnection (2008) , Kapoor played twin brothers , one with a lisp and the other with a stutter , in Vishal Bhardwaj 's critically acclaimed caper thriller Kaminey (2009) . In preparation , Kapoor met speech specialists and researched on the medical and mental aspects of the two conditions . To create a lean physique for one of the brothers , a look he considered to be " radically different " from his personal appearance , Kapoor practiced functional training and followed a rigorous diet . Writing for Variety , critic Joe Leydon reviewed that Kapoor " impressively displays sufficiently variegated degrees of emotional intensity to sustain the illusion of two distinct characters . Just as important , he provides each sibling an appropriately elevated hunkeness quotient . " Rediff.com listed Kapoor 's performance as the best by a Bollywood actor in 2009 and he received a second Best Actor nomination at Filmfare . Kaminey earned over ? 700 million (US \$ 10 million) worldwide . Kapoor 's final release of 2009 was as a cricketer in Dil Bole Hadippa ! , a romantic comedy co @- @ starring Rani Mukerji . It was screened at the Toronto International Film Festival , but was a financial failure .

= = = Commercial fluctuations (2010 ? 13) = = =

In 2010 , Kapoor reteamed with Ken Ghosh in Chance Pe Dance , a comedy @- @ drama about a struggling actor , in which Kapoor 's performance was described as " uneven " by Aniruddha Guha of Daily News and Analysis . He had a supporting role in Paathshaala , a drama about the education system in India , starring Nana Patekar , following which he starred in Yash Raj Films ' Badmaash Company , a comedy @- @ drama about a group of overambitious youngsters who become con men . Rachel Saltz of The New York Times praised Kapoor 's look in the film , though Tushar Joshi of Mid Day thought that he was miscast . Kapoor 's fourth and final release that year was Satish Kaushik 's romantic comedy Milenge Milenge , which marked his fourth collaboration with Kareena Kapoor . Plagiarised from the Hollywood film Serendipity , the production was delayed since 2005 . During its production in December 2004 at Phuket , Kapoor requested a delay in filming to attend the premiere of Dil Maange More . The delay may have saved the lives of the crew , since the hotel booked for them was destroyed during the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami . With the exception of Badmaash Company , none of these films performed well commercially .

Kapoor next appeared in his father 's directorial Mausam (2011) ; co @- @ starring Sonam Kapoor , the star @- @ crossed romance set over a decade , took two years to complete . Considering the film to be his " dream project " , Kapoor did not take on additional work while filming for it . For his role as an unambitious village boy who becomes an air force pilot , Kapoor trained to fly the F @- @ 16 Fighting Falcon . Rajeev Masand reviewed that " while he doesn 't quite cut it as a convincing IAF pilot , Shahid Kapoor is terrific as the small @- @ town brat " . The film was a box office flop and Kapoor was later regretful for spending so much time on the project .

The following year , Kapoor took on another romantic role in Kunal Kohli 's Teri Meri Kahaani (2012) , co -@-@ starring Priyanka Chopra . It tells the story of a pair of star @-@ crossed lovers who are reincarnated in three different eras . Filmfare reviewed that " Shahid and Priyanka give it their best shot , but their charm doesn't make up for the absence of a genuine kahani [story] " . The comedy Phata Poster Nikhla Hero from director Rajkumar Santoshi was Kapoor 's first release of 2013 . His role was that of Vishwas Rao , a struggling actor who masquerades as a policeman . Critical reviews on the film were negative , though Kapoor 's performance was praised . As with his last few releases , the film earned little at the box office leading trade analysts to question his commercial appeal . This changed later that year , when he starred in Prabhu Deva 's action film R ... Rajkumar ; despite a negative critical reception , the film earned over ₹ 995 million (US \$ 15 million) worldwide , becoming Kapoor 's highest @-@ grossing release . In a scathing review , Saibal Chatterjee of NDTV called the film a " massive mess " and wrote that Kapoor " ends up looking more moronic than macho " in it . Kapoor suffered from burn injuries on his back and hands while filming a stunt sequence in R ... Rajkumar .

= = = Awards success (2014 ? present) = = =

Kapoor next reunited with director Vishal Bhardwaj to film Haider (2014) , an adaptation of William Shakespeare 's tragedy Hamlet set during the Kashmir conflict of 1995 , in which he played the titular role opposite Tabu and Shraddha Kapoor . Kapoor described the film as the " toughest " of his career , and waived his fees to star in it . For the role , he shaved his head and learned to speak in a Kashmiri dialect . Haider garnered critical acclaim , though was controversial among Indian nationalists for its portrayal of the conflict in Kashmir . Sanjukta Sharma of Mint found the film to be an " immensely effective reimagination of Shakespeare " and particularly praised Kapoor for playing his part with " impressive zest and inventiveness " . Writing for Hindustan Times , critic Anupama Chopra wrote that Kapoor initially seemed uncomfortable in the complex central role , but added that he " slowly [...] comes to inhabit Haider , veering from rage to jealousy to madness in a heartbeat . " Kapoor won several awards for the role , including the Screen Award , Producers Guild Film Award and Filmfare Award for Best Actor .

The year 2015 saw Kapoor feature as a talent judge on the dance reality show Jhalak Dikhhlaa Jaa Reloaded . His sole film release that year was opposite Alia Bhatt in Vikas Bahl 's Shaandaar , a romantic comedy about two insomniacs who fall in love during a destination wedding . Despite high expectations from trade analysts , the film earned negative reviews and emerged as a commercial failure .

Kapoor next took on the role of a drug abusing rock star in Udta Punjab (2016) , a crime drama from the director Abhishek Chaubey that documents the substance abuse endemic in the Indian state of Punjab . Kapoor , a teetotaler , found it challenging to play a character who he deemed to be " all about addiction " . He based the role on several pop stars , and was particularly interested in bringing out the character 's hidden vulnerability despite his obnoxious actions . Udta Punjab generated controversy when the Central Board of Film Certification demanded extensive censorship before its theatrical release , citing that the portrayal of Punjab in it was negative . The demands sparked a broad debate about the freedom of expression in India . After the producers of the film filed lawsuit against the board , the Bombay High Court cleared the film for exhibition with a single scene cut , in which Kapoor 's character is shown urinating on people . In a highly positive review , Sukanya Verma took note of the film 's anti @-@ drug message ; in addition , she considered Kapoor to be " spectacularly unbridled " in his part and added that " the believability he brings to his complex transition while preserving his inherent flakiness deserves all the praise " .

As of June 2016 , Kapoor he has completed filming the part of a soldier in Rangoon , a romantic drama set during World War II , co -@-@ starring Saif Ali Khan and Kangana Ranaut , which marks his third collaboration with Vishal Bhardwaj .

= = Personal life and off @-@ screen work = =

Kapoor 's personal life is the subject of fervent tabloid reporting in India . During the filming of Fida in 2004 , he began dating Kareena Kapoor and they both publicly spoke of the relationship . They were involved in a well @-@ publicised scandal when Mid Day published a set of pictures of them kissing in public . Despite claims by the couple that the pictures were fabricated , the newspaper denied any wrongdoing . The couple separated in 2007 during the filming of Jab We Met . Since their split , Kapoor decided to keep his personal life away from media attention . However , tabloids speculated on his relationship with several other actresses , including Vidya Balan and Priyanka Chopra .

In March 2015 , Kapoor spoke of his impending marriage to Mira Rajput , a student from New Delhi , who is 13 years his junior . The Times of India reported that Kapoor met Rajput through the religious group Radha Soami Satsang Beas . The couple married at a private ceremony in Gurgaon on 7 July 2015 . They are expecting their first child in fall 2016 .

In addition to acting in films , Kapoor performs on stage and hosts award ceremonies . In 2006 , he participated in a world tour , entitled RockStars , in which he performed alongside Kareena Kapoor , John Abraham , Salman Khan and three other celebrities . From 2010 ? 12 , Kapoor has co @-@ hosted three Screen Awards ceremonies with Shah Rukh Khan , and from 2012 ? 14 he co @-@ hosted three International Indian Film Academy Awards with either Khan or Farhan Akhtar .

Kapoor practices vegetarianism , and credits the author Brian Hines ' book Life is Fair for influencing the lifestyle choice . He also supports charitable organisations for various causes . In 2010 , he took part in a charity event named Superstars Ka Jalwa , which helped generate money for the employees of the Cine and Television Artists Association (CINTAA) . Also that year , he lent his support to the NGO Swayamsiddh , which helps children with special needs . The following year , he adopted three villages in support of NDTV 's Greenathon , an initiative to support environmental consciousness and improve electricity supplies to rural areas . In 2012 , Kapoor helped revive the Victory Arts Foundation NGO , founded by Shiamak Davar , which helps underprivileged children through dance therapy programs . Also that year , he appeared alongside other Bollywood celebrities in Because My World Is Not The Same , a short film by Zoya Akhtar , to generate awareness on breast cancer . He supports the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals organisation through advertisement campaigns .

= = In the media = =

The journalist Dave Karger of GQ , in 2014 , described Kapoor as " friendly , chirpy , affable frat @-@ boy type . Someone you ? d want to play video games with on a Sunday , but keep the hell away from your sister " . However , certain media publications have labelled Kapoor a recluse and described him as arrogant and temperamental . Vickey Lalwani of Mumbai Mirror wrote in 2012 that this perceived media image hindered certain filmmakers from approaching him for roles . Addressing this image , Kapoor remarked , " I just don ? t socialise much , I don ? t party too much , I don ? t know what to say to the media if I ? m not talking about a film that I am doing , so yeah , maybe I am perceived as a snob . "

Analysing his career , the entertainment portal Bollywood Hungama published that his " boy next door persona " was initially perceived by critics as a weakness , but credited him for turning it into a trademark . Jitesh Pillai of Filmfare wrote that after gaining recognition in urban romantic roles , Kapoor defied typecasting by taking on diverse parts in crime dramas and action films . He noted that Kapoor 's refusal to be " slotted under any kind of tag " led to a fluctuating career trajectory . Following the success of Jab We Met (2007) and Kaminey (2009) , Kapoor 's career went through a decline ; he described the phase as a series of " wrong choices " and said that taking on a challenging role in Haider (2014) helped him reinvent himself . Sonal Gera of The Indian Express opined that the film established him in Bollywood . In her book Power of a Common Man , the author Koral Dasgupta writes that Kapoor does not " [conform] to any fixed rules of the trade " , and notes that despite having a lopsided success ratio at the box office , he remains popular among the audiences .

A popular celebrity , Kapoor has a significant following on Twitter and Instagram . Considered one

of the most attractive male celebrities in India , he regularly features in the British magazine Eastern Eye 's listing of the " 50 Sexiest Asian Men in the World " . In 2012 and 2013 he was ranked fourth , and in 2014 he came in fifth . He was ranked fifth on The Times of India 's list of the 50 most @-@ desirable men in 2014 ; he was placed among the top 10 in 2012 , 2013 and 2015 . Kapoor was named the sexiest vegetarian man of India and Asia @-@ Pacific in 2009 and 2011 , respectively , by PETA . From 2012 ? 15 , he featured among the top 50 in the Indian edition of the Forbes ' " Celebrity 100 , " a list based on the income and popularity of India 's celebrities , peaking at the 15th position in 2015 . Kapoor is the celebrity ambassador for several brands and products , including Samsung , Elf Aquitaine and Colgate .

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Kapoor has been the recipient of two Filmfare Awards : Best Male Debut for Ishq Vishk (2003) and Best Actor for Haider (2014) . He has received two more Best Actor nominations at the ceremony for Jab We Met (2007) and Kaminey (2009) .