



VISAAL

THE SOULWEAVERS

Visaal - means joining, merging or the meeting of the souls. Hence The Soul Weavers. Sher Ali, the vocalist and the composer, joined up with an old friend Irfan Abbas, lead gitarist, and Sheryar Ahmed, Bass, to form Visaal. They had recorded 2 studio version of their tracks Mahiwaal and Laagay Na Rey, whose video are soon to be aired on all major music channels in Pakistan. Although their first priority is to complete their education but musically they are 2nd to none. In this next generation of Pakistani music bloom, Visaal proves to be one of the most promising band of Pakistan.

Names:

Sher Ali (*VOCALIST, ACOUSTIC GUITARIST*)

Irfan Abbas (*LEAD GUITARIST*)

Shehryar Ahmed (*BASSIST*)

Date of Birth:

7th dec 1983

3rd sept 1984

17th aug 1988

Location:

Islamabad

Hobbies:

(Sher) Making music ... listenin to music ... writing songs... living music!

(Irfan) music 'n babes...hehe.

(Shehryar) Heavily into music and cars, sketching weird abstract designs.

Education:

(Sher) doing my undergrad in BBA ...

(Irfan) undergrad in BBA

(Shehryar) o-levels

Music Education:

None ... self taught ... I think thats the way it is with most of the upcoming bands here these days.

Music Equipment:

(Sher) yamaha f-310 acoustic.....maxtone drum kit

(Irfan) bc-rich, yamaha semi acoustic, steve via jem

(Shery) yamaha f-310 acoustic, ibanez electric, fender bass

Other Occupations:

None ... yet ... just concentrating on studies and music at the moment.

Inspirations:

(Sher) I am more into the newer alternative rock bands of today as far as foreign bands are concerned I listen to stuff

like creed, Life House, Metallica, 3 doors down, Goo Goo Dolls etc. Plus there's a lot of promising stuff coming up in our own local music scene here in pakistan as well.

(Irfan) I'd go for anything good ... starting frm the 80's ... onwards basically guitar oriented stuff.

(Shery) Staind, Pink Floyd, Goo Goo Dolls, System of a Down, Nirvana, Creed, Santana

What drew you towards music:

For us music is something that helps us express ourselves in a way that we feel most comfortable with and we'r able to adapt to it easily. It always has been there and has now become such a major part that it really is hard to think of life without music. Writing and Composing your own songs is like exploring a whole new world there really are no limits with wat you can do, its amazing.

Upcoming album:

Well actually "Visaal" (meaning..."joining", "merging"....."meeting of the souls"). Our band started off in quite an unplanned manner. I mean there was no real plan that we had of doing something like this. I'd (sher) just written and basically composed a few songs by myself and by chance Irfan whom I've known for a number of years now heard them and thats when we decided to re-record the songs professionally. Later on shehryar joined the band as the 3rd member. So its irfan abbas on lead guitar shehryar ahmed on bass and myself (Sher Ali) on vocals and acoustic. So far we've done 2 tracks the first one being "Mahiwaal" which sounds like a typical punjabi love song (if judged by the name) but beleive me "ITS NOT". Its quite a mellow rock track which progresses slowly towards the end. "Laagay na re" our 2nd single is another one which starts off easy and then progresses into a much heavier rock oriented song. Video's for both the songs have been shot and will soon be aired on local music channels hopefully. As far as the album is concerned we are in no real rush at the moment even though the music scene in pakistan has really developed over the past few years but at the moment our first priority is completing our education and then comes music. So we'll be workin on it gradually.

Recognition or Acheivment:

well.....we've performed quite a few concerts and stuff.....

but nothin really big...and "visaal" is the 1st time we'r doing something original.

Type of music you like:

We'd listen to anything related to rock, hard rock, heavy metal, grunge and alternative.

Type of music you hate:

Hmm now we dont mean to be offensive to anyone. But then again everyone's entitled to their own opinion.

so I guess, we really cannot stand those typical bubble pop boy and girl bands and I (sher) aint a big fan of dance 'n techno music either other than that I'm pretty much ok with the rest.

What do you think of other Pakistani artists:

We think the music scene in Pakistan has really grown and developed over the past few years and we can see undergorund and upcoming bands being promoted and encouraged like never before. Its amazing to see the amount of talent that has come up recently and we think the main force behind this change was without a doubt "The Battle of the Bands". Something similar should be held in different cities of Pakistan at least once a year or once every 2 years.

How would you like to be remembered:

We'd like to be remembered as someone to whom music was one of the major, most important part of life and that we made our own music and had a hell of a time while we did and were able to be appreciated for all the effort we managed to put into it.

Favorite musicians (Pakistani):

There's a lot of good stuff out there of course Junoon has to be part of it other than that eP, Aaroh, Noori, Fuzon, newer bands like Jal, Call they're all really good.

Favorite Song (Pakistani):

(Sher) Currently we'd say it would be a noori or eP number but its really hard to pick one.

(Irfan) Bas yunhi by shehzad mughal.

(Shery) Khamaj - Fuzon.

Final Comments:

Beleive in your self never give up and always, always remember God. No matter how sad a patch your life might be goin through cuz If He got

u into it then he'll get you out of it and oh yea one more thing !!!!!KEEP ROCKIN!!!!

Thankyou Visaal for the Interview.

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