The Mumtaz Compilation: Part 1



If there was ever an actress that made it to the top by virtue of her hard work and determination, it was Mumtaz. With her looks and ease in front of the camera she already had great assets to help her in becoming a star, but her acting and dancing ability were perfected during her several years as a bit part and 'B' movie actress. She made 16 'stunt' films with Dara Singh which first gained her a small amount of notice, but it wasn't for several years after she started that she began to earn respect and recognition for her efforts.

She was born on July 31, 1947, and began her acting career as a 14 year old in Stree in 1961. She picked up more and more parts in the next couple of years, and had her first starring role in 1964's Veer Bhimsen opposite Dara Singh. Slowly her career began to gather momentum.

This series of DVD compilations intends to chronicle Mumtaz's career through her songs and dances. This one is the first of three planned DVDs and covers her career from the beginning through 1966. During every song on this DVD she's still a teenager.

Acknowledgements



It was originally Mr. Naidu's idea to collect songs (mostly of Helen's) and make DVDs of them to spread around. His blog is no more but I am grateful to him for getting the ball rolling. My single greatest help in this particular project was from Ava. She's been a Mumtaz fan all her life, knows Mumtaz's films thoroughly, and provided suggestions about what to include and (later) what to take out. But her greatest contribution was as the sole subtitler. For every single song she either edited the subs to improve on them, or (more often) created brand new subtitles from scratch. Without her work there would be no Mumtaz compilation and I'm very grateful to her. Any mistakes are mine, as I reviewed her work after she got done, and yesterday while reviewing the DVD I found a couple of mistakes (one a spelling error and the other a grammar error). I am entirely to blame for those. In addition to Ava's help, Shalini provided invaluable advice and rare songs of Mumtaz. Memsaab provided song clips and made song suggestions. Dustedoff provided song suggestions and will be helping Ava with the subtitling for the other two DVDs planned for this series. All of these people have contributed greatly to this project and I thank them for their help.





The idea here is to gather as many songs and dances from as many movies as possible and to include them in a series of three DVDs. This is the first and includes 23 songs from 19 different movies. They're listed in chronological order so we can follow Mumtaz's development as an actress and as a dancer. One can't help but notice that in her earliest songs and dances she was pretty wooden and unpolished. It's to her credit that she persevered and became better at both - much better. By about 1965 or so we see the mature Mumtaz begin to come into sight as she gained experience and confidence.

Unfortunately, we haven't had access to all the movies she made between the time she began and 1966, the ending period of this first DVD. In

addition, some of the sources are pretty bad. But some of this material is so rare and so good that I've decided to put up with the very poor quality video of some of these songs and include them anyway. What follows is a list of the songs and some information about them.

1. Pankh Hote Re Ud Aati Re Performers: Sandya, Mumtaz Singer: Lata Mangeshkar

Music: Ramlal

Lyrics: Hasrat Jaipuri Film: Sehra, 1963

Starring: Sandya, Prashanth, Mumtaz, Lalita Pawar, Ulha



Song recommended by Shalini.

2. Ab Der Ho Gayi Wallah

Performers: Mumtaz, Prem Nath

Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: Sajjad Hussain Lyrics: Qamar Jalalabadi Film: Rustom Sohrab, 1963

Starring: Prithviraj Kapoor, Prem Nath, Suraiya, Mumtaz, Murad,

Sajjan, Hiralal, Azad



3. Paon Mein Jhanjhaar

Performers: Mumtaz, Minoo Mumtaz

Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: G.S. Kohli Lyrics: Anjaan Film: Faulad, 1963

Starring: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Minoo Mumtaz, Kamran, Randhir,

Shyam Kumar



Since this cute song (and Mumtaz's first dance?) isn't on the Shemaroo DVD of this film, I had to get it off of the inferior Lara VCD.

4. O Matawale Sajna

Performers: Mumtaz, Dara Singh

Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: G.S. Kohli Lyrics: Farooq Kaiser Film: Faulad, 1963

Starring: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Minoo Mumtaz, Kamran, Randhir,

Shyam Kumar



5. Main Tum Pe Teer Chala Doon Performers: Mumtaz, Dara Singh

Singer: Asha Bhosle

Music: Chitalkar Ramchandra

Lyrics: Kavi Pradeep

Film: Veer Bhimsen, 1964

Cast: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Sumitra Devi, Anita Guha, Mahipal,

Randhawa



Song provided by Shalini.

6. Kehne Wale Tu Bhi Kahe Le

Performer: Mumtaz

Singers: Asha Bhonsle, S. Balbir, Manna Dey, Mohammed Rafi

Music: Iqbal Qureshi Lyrics: Shewan Rizvi

Movie: Qawaali Ki Raat, 1964

Cast: Kumkum, Kamaljeet, Jagdeep, Mumtaz, Deven Verma,

Aruna Irani, Mohan Choti



This one hurts the most as it's loaded with qawaalis, loaded with lots of very young Mumtaz, and the video quality is perhaps the worst I've ever seen on a VCD. Thanks, Raj Video. Song provided by memsaab.

7. Chham Chham Baaje

Performers: Mumtaz, Sheela R

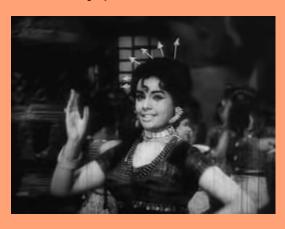
Singers: Asha Bhosle, Usha Mangeshkar

Music: Dattaram Naik Lyrics: Anand Bakshi

Film: Tarzan Comes To Delhi, 1965

Starring: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Bhagwan, Siddu, Helen, Samson,

Bela Bose, Laxmi Chhaya, Jeevan Kala



8. Husn Iqrar Kare Performer: Mumtaz

Singer: Lata Mangeshkar Music: Dattaram Naik Lyrics: Anand Bakshi

Film: Tarzan Comes To Delhi, 1965

Starring: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Bhagwan, Siddu, Helen, Samson,

Bela Bose, Laxmi Chhaya, Jeevan Kala



This part of the VCD is pretty far gone but I thought I should include it anyway, if only for the beautiful song by Lata Mangeshkar.

9. Jaa Jaa Re Jaa

Performers: Mumtaz, Randhawa

Singer: Usha Mangeshkar Music: Robin Banerjee **Lyrics: A. Shunsheer**

Film: Tarzan And King Kong, 1965

Starring: Randhawa, Mumtaz, Bela Bose, Shyam Kumar,

Bhagwan, Dara Singh, Rani



10. Pilaai Tune Jo Saakiya

Performers: Mumtaz, Dara Singh

Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: Hansraj Behl Lyrics: Rajendar Krishan Film: Sikander-E-Azam, 1965

Starring: Prithviraj Kapoor, Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Veena, Jagdish

Sethi, Jeevan, Madhumati, Helen



11. Sajna O Sajna
Performer: Mumtaz
Singer: Kamal Barot
Music: Hansraj Behl
Lyrics: Qamar Jalalabadi
Film: Rustom-E-Hind, 1965

Starring: Mumtaz, Dara Singh, Bihari, Laxmi Chhaya, Helen,

Rhandir, Mohan Chote, Tun Tun, Madhumati



12. Yeh Hai Reshmi

Performers: Mumtaz, Biswajeet

Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: O.P. Nayyar

Lyrics: Majrooh Sultanpuri Film: Mere Sanam, 1965

Cast: Asha Parekh, Biswajeet, Mumtaz, Pran, Rajendra Nath,

Dhumal, Nasir Hussain



The retail DVD was horrible (see the screenshots from memsaab's review of it), so I grabbed the video from the 720p version Eros has on YouTube. Their audio had glitches so I used the DVD's audio. The Eros video had problems of its own, including being displayed in 'Fat - O - Vision' ('fullscreen' stretched out to 'widescreen'), which was easily fixed, but I never could get the colors just right. Here's the Eros one in case you're curious. Poor Mumtaz has put on about 25 pounds:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuAOccl6OG4

13. Aa Dance Karen

Performers: Mumtaz, Sudesh Kumar Singer: Asha Bhosle, Mohammad Rafi **Music: Ravi**

Lyrics: Rajendra Krishan Film: Khandan, 1965

Cast: Nutan, Sunil Dutt, Pran, Sudesh Kumar, Mohan Chhoti, Om

Prakesh, Mumtaz



Ravi won a Filmfare Best Music Director award for his work on this film. Thanks to bluelotus for bringing this song to my attention in the comments to memsaab's 15 favorite Mumtaz songs post.

14. Hamse Yeh Dil Kehta Hai

Performers: Mumtaz, Chandra Shekhar Singers: Asha Bhosle, Mahendra Kapoor

Music: C. Ramchandra Lyrics: Anand Bakshi Film: Hum Diwane, 1965

Starring: Mumtaz, Chandra Shekhar, Bhagwan, Iftekhar, Helen,

Anwar, Agha, Maruti



I apologize for the poor quality of the source material but the movie is so rare I thought it worth the upload. It was supplied by Shalini who got it from someone that had captured it (badly) from a VHS source.

15. Ram Ram Japna Paraaya Maal Apna

Performers: Mehmood, Mumtaz

Singer: Mohammad Rafi Music: Hemant Kumar Lyrics: Kaifi Azmi

Film: Do Dil, 1965

Starring: Biswajeet, Rajshree, Pran, Mehmood, Mumtaz, Durga

Khote, Asit Sen



The raw video came from memsaab.

16. Tumne Jo Samja Hai Performer: Mumtaz Singer: Asha Bhosle

Music: Laxmikant, Pyarelal

Lyrics: Anand Bakshi Film: Boxer, 1965

Cast: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Azad, Tabassum, Kammo, Sherry



Look for memsaab and dusted off favorite Edwina along with her older brother Terence (of Ted Lyons and his Cubs fame) in this one.

17. Main Na Kisika Aitbar Karungi

Performer: Mumtaz

Singer: Lata Mangeshkar Music: Laxmikant, Pyarelal

Lyrics: Anand Bakshi Film: Boxer, 1965

Cast: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Azad, Tabassum, Kammo, Sherry



18. Aaj Koi Pyar Se Dil Ki Baaten

Performer: Mumtaz Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: O.P. Nayyar

Lyrics: Shamsul Huda Behari Film: Sawan Ki Ghata, 1966

Cast: Manoj Kumar, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz, Pran, Madan Puri,

Sajjan, Sunder



19. Jo Dil Ki Tadap Na Jaane

Performers: Mumtaz, Manoj Kumar, Sharmila Tagore

Singer: Asha Bhosle Music: O.P. Nayyar

Lyrics: Shamsul Huda Behari Film: Sawan Ki Ghata, 1966

Cast: Manoj Kumar, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz, Pran, Madan Puri,

Sajjan, Sunder



20. Tu Ne To Pee Thi Mujhe Kyon Pila Di

Performers: Mumtaz, Randhawa

Singer: Suman Kalyanpur Music: Robin Banerjee Lyrics: Yogesh Gaud (?) Film: Rustom Kaun, 1966

Cast: Randhawa, Malika, Mumtaz, Shyam Kumar, Tun Tun, Aruna

Irani, Jagdeep, Shakila Banu Bhopali



The raw video was provided by memsaab.

21. O Meri Maina

Performers: Mehmood, Mumtaz

Singers: Manna Dey, Lata Mangeshkar

Music: Laxmikant, Pyarelal Lyrics: Rajendar Krishan Film: Pyar Kiye Jaa, 1966

Starring: Kishore Kumar, Shashi Kapoor, Mehmood, Om Prakash,

Kalpana, Mumtaz



Mehmood won a Filmfare Award for Best Comedian.

The DVD source was yellowish, most noticeable on Mumtaz's blouse. There was a version on YouTube where the colors were more accurate. I grabbed that one and used the chroma (the colors) in it before then 'fixing' it up some more. There are still some places where Mumtaz's blouse isn't exactly white, sometimes yellowish and other times pinkish.

22. Woh Aa Rahe Hain Performer: Mumtaz Singer: Usha Khanna Music: Madan Mohan Lyrics: Rajendar Krishan Film: Ladka Ladki, 1966

Starring: Kishore Kumar, Mumtaz, Laxmi Chhaya, Bhagwan, I.S.

Johar, Tun Tun, Sujit Kumar, Raj Mehra



Raw video provided by memsaab.

Ava mentioned that she thinks a very young Jayshree T appears as the girl in a white sari sitting by Kishore Kumar in the audience. I think I agree.

23. Aaya Holi Ka Tyohaar

Performers: Mumtaz, Dara Singh, Sunder Singer: Shamshad Begum, Mohammad Rafi

Music: Laxmikant, Pyarelal

Lyrics: Anand Bakshi

Film: Daku Mangal Singh, 1966

Cast: Dara Singh, Mumtaz, Prithviraj Kapoor, Sapru, Bhagwan,

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Information on each of these can be found by searching memsaab's blog. The three exceptions to that are the Minoo Mumtaz DVD announced on Richard's blog and the Johnny Walker DVD announced by dusted off.

To get the DVD files and to visit the blogs, just click on the names. Those names are also links. Each of the DVDs also has an Instructions.pdf included to explain how to download the files and then turn them into DVDs. There's also a Software folder with the needed software if you are new to this.

Ava and I hope you'll enjoy the fruits of our work with this first Mumtaz DVD.