

## Look Whos Talking with Shruti Hassan

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Niranjan Iyengar caught up with Shruti Hassan on his much awaited talk show, Look Who's Talking that is all set to debut on August 3rd, 2014 on Zee Café.

Shruti and Niranjan share a great camaraderie. Shruti got quite candid and gave a lot of personal and professional insights about her life.

Niranjan calls Shruti his wife because they both are Iyengars ; eccentric in nature and by own admission, may never find anybody else as a life partner.

Here under are some of the major and exclusive highlights from the episode. Attached herewith are images of Shruti and Niranjan from the shoot.

Quotes from Shruti on her upbringing:

- My father was busy while growing up but that never bothered me. But whenever he was around and the time I got to spend with him are some of the best memories of my life.
- My father has always been a liberated soul and has treated me like an adolescent since childhood. He had given me an advice that that has stayed with me always. He said, "You are not answerable to anyone but you. There are no rules or principles that you have to follow. As long as you are okay with your conscience, you will be okay."

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- My mom tried to give me a very middle class upbringing. She is the one who brought discipline in my life. Also, I owe my mom for the amazing music legacy she has given me. She had an amazing collection of music and I grew up listening to bands like Pink Flyod, so my interest in music comes from her.
- My father on the other hand gave me the musical genes as he is a fabulous singer himself. That's why I have been singing since the age of 6 years old.
- My school friends never treated me differently, perhaps, that's why they are my best friends today and my biggest support systems.

### Quotes on Mom and Dad's separation:

- I was a very intuitive child and before they told me and my sister Akshara that they were separating, I sort of had a hint. I never held any grudges against them for it. And today I feel happy to see them happy. Both are working, both have their own space in life and both are living life on their own terms.
- As a couple, my mom and dad were the most beautiful couple I have ever seen. There was a lot of love and warmth between them and it was wonderful to be around them at that time.

### Quotes on career:

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- Never thought I would be an actress because I didn't think I was girly enough to be one.
- Music has always been my passion and learning Hindustani Music gave a new direction and focus to my life.
- I am not an actress who can sing, I am a singer who can act.
- I am very competitive and aggressive by nature and had I not been an actor or singer, I would have definitely been a lawyer.
- I don't take success or failure too personally. I try to learn from mistakes and move on.
- I was going on tangents initially and didn't know where to focus more, but I am doing 6 films this year and have learnt over the years how to streamline my work and where to focus.
- I always wanted to be a comprehensive artist .
- Shruti Hassan as a musician and Shruti Hassan as an actor are two different personalities altogether. You can play 16 only for a certain amount of time but you can about being 16 even at 60. That's the beauty of music.
- I wanted to do independent music, but that still doesn't have scope in India. So I formed a 5 member band with my

best friend.

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### Quotes on Music:

- When I sing, it is like some spinal cord connection to the highest nerve of spirituality.
- Music is my retirement plan. It is an important part of my future.

### Quotes on Love:

- The idea of falling in love is exciting, but the other parts require a really cool person to get me into the everyday life of it. Haven't found anyone like me yet.
- I am obsessed with myself and can't share my mirror with anybody. That's why I don't date actors.

### Quotes on Marriage:

- I dream about my wedding day and Ryan Gosling as a groom , but I am petrified of getting married. The idea of sharing my personal space 24/7 with someone is scary. I am not

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really cut out for marriage.