

Multi-faceted presenter adds spice to local television screens

Mishal Mookrey talks about his career in presenting and his plans for the future

Born and bred in Cape Town, [Mishal Mookrey](#) has graced local television screens for seven years. In 2010, Mookrey cut his presenting teeth on community television, and in 2012 he entered and won the coveted Presenter Search for the show Eastern Mosaic; a then Indian lifestyle magazine programme broadcast on SABC2. Two years later, the show was rebranded as [Mela](#) and Mookrey is currently celebrating his [third year](#) on the show, which is broadcast on Sundays on SABC3 from 14h00 to 15h00 and offers news, views and entertainment for those that live by or are enticed by Eastern culture.

“The show has offered me the opportunity to talk on topics such as lifestyle, community service, entertainment, business as well as the creative arts, which I’m very passionate about,” says Mookrey. “And I’ve had the absolute privilege of interviewing some of the world’s most high-profile personalities such as German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Morgan Freeman, Bollywood Film Director Karan Johar, Priyanka Chopra, Madhuri Dixit, Dia Mirza, John Abraham and Oscar winner A.R. Rahman.”

Having graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Television Production and Media from AFDA in 2007, Mookrey first dipped his feet in presenting with the launch of his YouTube [channel](#) aptly titled The Mishal Mookrey Show in 2010. “This is where it all started for me,” adds Mookrey. “My YouTube episodes, which were broadcast on Cape Town TV, offered me the perfect opportunity to showcase my creativity which I had longed to express since I was a young boy.”

“My dream has always been to be on TV. I’m living my dream!”

When not gracing television screens with his sophisticated charm and classic sense of style, Mookrey also has entrepreneurial blood running through his veins. “I come from a family of strong entrepreneurial businessmen and women and my parents always taught me the value of hard work,” explains Mookrey. “I completed my MBA in Business Administration at Henley Business School, which almost balances the creative side of me. I see myself as an entrepreneur with varied business interests so the degree will prepare me for when business opportunities do present themselves. I also believe that continuous learning is paramount to my growth as a well-rounded individual.”

From having experienced bullying first-hand throughout his scholastic career, Mookrey defines himself as an activist against bullying in schools; from primary through to high school. “I want to make more people aware of how bullying can affect and impact developing children,” says Mookrey. “I want to lead by example; to show young boys and girls that they should march to the beat of their own drum no matter what anyone says maliciously to their faces or about them behind their backs.”

Mookrey says he's willing to try everything at least once; loves food, the arts, theatre and keeps fit by running in the shadow of Table Mountain. In closing, Mookrey says about himself: "I like to think of myself as a combination of quirky yet intelligent...although my siblings would only agree with the former!"

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