

# Qatra qatra singer launches album

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**S**inger Arnab Chakraborty, who grabbed the limelight with hit songs like *Wada raha* from Rajkumar Santoshi's *Khakee* and *Qatra qatra* from the Amitabh Bachchan-starrer *Family*, has now launched his debut album *Naam*. The album contains eight numbers and each song has something different to narrate.

In his debut album, the singer has mixed Indian folk flavour with Western beats and styles inspired from genres such as reg-

gae and country. The underlying theme of romance unites these melodies.

"The title song *Naam* is based on the folk tradition of Bengal called "Baul" and is devoted to the eternal truth of life. The track *Sooni* is reminiscent of the call from a person who has lost the opportunity to unite with his lover but is willing to wait forever. Other tracks include a romantic folk song from Assam called *Zehen*, a groovy Bhojpur

song *Joganiya*, and *Aietbaar*, which is an Indian interpretation of a Western ballad," Arnab explains.

A voice behind numerous jingles and remix songs, Arnab has etched a name for himself in Bollywood, working with composers like Shankar-

Ehsaan-Loy, Ram Sampath, Shantanu Moitra, Salim-Suleiman, Pritam, Raju Singh, Jatin-Lalit, Nikhil-Vinay and many others. He recently recorded a song v Sunidhi Chauhan and Sukhwinder Singh, composition director Pritam for Gulzar's film *Baat Pakki*. has Daboo Malik and Han Mehta's next film in hand has Sohail Khan in the lead

Although the singer has completed a post graduate diploma in Sangeet from Mumbai University, Arnab is not heard too often. He justifies this by saying, "After *Khakee* and *Family*, I took a lot of offers for singing. But after a while, I realised that either those films were small or I was not promoted well, which hampered my growth and if the film doesn't do well, the music suffers. With my album *Naam*, I am trying to create awareness about my style of singing. I am also planning to perform all over the country.

