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# ANDAAZ

(INDIA)

A Shree Krishna Intl. production. Produced by Suneel Darshan.

Directed by Raj Kanwar. Screenplay, Robin Bhatt, Shyam Goel, Jainendra Jain; story, Kanwar. Camera (color, widescreen), Ishwar Bidri; editor, Sanjay Shankla; background music, Naresh Sharma; song music, Nadeem-Shravan; lyrics, Sameer; production designer, Suresh Bhansali. Reviewed at Cineworld Feltham 1, London, June 12, 2003. Hindi dialogue. Running time: 152 MIN. (I: 68 MIN.; II: 84 MIN.).

With: Akshay Kumar, Lara Dutta, Priyanka Chopra, Aman Verma, Johny Lever, Rajeev Verma, Pankaj Dheer, Gajendra Chauhan, Vivek Shauq, Maya Alagh, Navni Parihar, Beena, Kunika, Supriya Karnik, Asha Sharma, Vishwajeet Pradhan.

**A** big, brash, brainless crowd-pleaser that moves like an express train, "Andaaz" is Bollywood masala 101. Fes-tooned with two ex-beauty queens (Miss Universe Lara Dutta, Miss World Priyanka Chopra), Hindi hunk Akshay Kumar, nine musical numbers, an almost continuous score and lashings of sexual tease around a



**FLIGHT ATTENDANT:** *Akshay Kumar, left, and Priyanka Chopra appear in "Andaaz."*

**traditional values core, the \$2 million pic performed vigorously at home after opening May 23.**

Raj (Kumar) secretly loves his childhood friend Kajal (Dutta) and joins the Indian Air Force so he can fly her around the world. Unfortunately, she marries nice businessman Karan (Aman Verma) instead of Raj. Years later while stationed in South Africa, Raj meets hotsy NRI Jiya (Chopra), who pursues him back to India where several plot twists await. Of the girls, Dutta wins the acting stakes while Chopra sizzles in the siren role. Both handle their character reversals with aplomb. Color processing on print caught was below par, but at least one musical number, with the three leads in a desert setting, is a propulsive classic. Title, already used in two previous pics (1949, 1971), means "Evaluation."

— *Derek Elley*

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