

Mid Day Just Out

Date: 02-06-2007 | Edition: Mumbai | Page: 13 | Source: Bureau | Clip size (cm): W: 9 H: 16

Clip: 1 of 1

JUST OUT

MUSIC

Agnee
By: Agnee
For: Rs 195
At: All leading music stores



One of the most loved rock bands in the 80s and 90s, Agni is now relaunching itself as Agnee, with new band members, vocalists Arijit and Mohan. Guitarist Koko is the only member from the original line-up. Arijit brings in the jazz-rock influences, Koko steps it up with classic rock, pop and Indian, while Mohan slows it down with his Carnatic and Hindustani classical influences. "We are one of the first few to have two vocalists," says former banker Mohan, who refuses to brand the music into any particular genre.

On the album, Sadho Re — the video is currently on air and has been likened to Deepa Mehta's Water — has lyrics originally written by Sant Kabir. It muses on the inevitability of death and the highest truth — that the unnamed name is eternal. Kabira, Mohan's favourite song on the album, too, begins with a few lines by the saint-poet. The rockish Ujale Baaz is pacier while Kuch Ankahee has jazz-blues influences. The Roadies song at the end of the album though, is a bit of a downer. Pick up the album for its serene profundity.

We are one of the first few to have two vocalists

Mohan, vocalist with Agni