

12-year-old singer extends invitation to Prime Minister

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Fast rising 12-year-old singer Avinash Maharaj once extended an open invitation to Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar to attend any event at which he was performing. The Penal resident and Naparima College student said he looked up to the Prime Minister as a hero and mentor. He is especially hoping that she will accept his invitation to perform at Ma Ki Pyar Hai: To Moms with Love, a Mothers' Day series for two weekends in May. According to a release from promoter Randy Glasgow Productions, the event will pay heartfelt tribute to mothers, thanking them for everything they do, not only for their children, but for the nation as a whole. The concert will feature performances by singers, musicians, dancers and comedians, making for a complete all round production.

Maharaj is expected to make a musical statement against the abuse of children. The young man, who became a household name with his hit song, Dil Me Chupa, will honour and thank the mothers who educate, take care of their children, protect them against harm and make sacrifices to ensure they grow up knowing God and have respect for all people. Other performers include Bollywood playback singer Andy Singh, chutney singer Devanand Gatoos, Nadia Madoo, Rana and Susan Mohip, Rishi Gayadeen, Satnarine Ragoo, Neeshad Sultan, T&TEC Gayatones, the Nirvana Dance Company, Sophia Mustapha and Kenneth Supersad. There will be a number of giveaways and specials, including a draw in which one lucky mother will receive \$7,000 worth of groceries for the rest of the year from Persad's the Food King. The series premieres on May 5 at the Centre of Excellence, Macoya and continues on May 6 at the Naparima Bowl, San Fernando. The concert will then move to the Centre Pointe Mall, Chaguanas on May 11 and at Nu Image Simplex, New Grant on May 12.

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