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Tributes as Bollywood star Asha Bhosle dies at 92

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India is in mourning after Bollywood star Asha Bhosle died at the age of 92.

Famous for eight decades across India, Bhosle collaborated with international artists, including Boy George.

“Her extraordinary musical journey enriched our cultural heritage and touched countless hearts across the world,” India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

Bhosle’s funeral will be held in Mumbai today and is expected to draw enormous crowds.

Over the course of her career, Bhosle was nominated for two Grammys and landed the Dadasaheb Phalke award, India’s top arts accolade, and the Padma Vibhushan, the country’s second-highest civilian honour.

The actress began her career at the age of 10 singing in the western Indian language of Marathi. She



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went on to be recognised as the most recorded artist by Guinness World Records in 2011, with more than 11,000 songs.

Bhosle’s most popular songs ranged from Bollywood cabaret numbers to more soulful melodies such as *In Ankhon Ki Masti* (The Mischief In My Eyes).

She partnered with Boy George in 1991 on *Bow Down Mister* and also inspired the 1997 Cornershop hit *Brimful of Asha*.