A. R. RAHMAN

India
Composer, Song writer, Singer
Born January 6, 1967 (aged 49)

Biography

1967  Born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
1978  Played keyboard with various orchestras and composers
1987-92  Composed more than 300 jingles for advertisements and Indian television channels
1992  Composed score and soundtrack for Mani Ratnam’s Tamil film, Roja
1995  Bombay Theme, his composition for Bombay (1995), holds the distinction of being featured in over 50 international compilations
2000-08  Music Director for over 50 films directed by Mani Ratnam, Shaad Ali, Ashutosh Gowariker, and S. Shankar
2002  Composed music for Bombay Dreams commissioned by Andrew Lloyd Webber
2005  Time magazine rated the soundtrack of Roja in the Top 10 of their all time best movie soundtracks of the world
2006  Launched music label “KM Music”
2007  The Guardian, UK, listed the soundtrack of Bombay in ‘1000 albums to listen before you die’
2008  Founder and Head Principal, KM Music Conservatory, Chennai, India
2009  Listed in 100 world’s most influential people by TIME magazine
2010  Founded the AR Rahman Foundation
       Performed at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert 2010
2011  Was nominated for his work in for his work in 127 Hours at the Academy Awards,
       Golden Globes, BAFTA
       Joined a super band, SuperHeavy, comprising Mick Jagger, Joss Stone, Damian Marley and Dave Stewart

Major Awards
*Won several awards (Won many awards, other than listed, both in India and overseas)

1992  Tamil Nadu State Film Award for Best Music Direction (Roja) *
       National Film Award for Best Music Direction (Roja) *
1993  Filmfare Award South for Best Music Director (Roja) *
1994  Sanskriti Award by the Sanskriti Foundation
1996  Mauritius National Award
       Malaysian Award
2000  Padma Shri, Government of India
       International Indian Film Academy Award for Best Music Director (Taal) *
2008  Broadcast Film Critics Association Award, Critics’ Choice Award for Best Composer (Slumdog Millionaire) *
2009  Academy Award for Best Original Score and Best Original Song (Slumdog Millionaire)
       BAFTA Award for Best Film Music (Slumdog Millionaire)
       Golden Globe Award for Best Original Score (Slumdog Millionaire)
       Grammy Award, Best Compilation Soundtrack Album for a Motion Picture, Television or
Other Visual Media (*Slumdog Millionaire*) and Best Song Written for a Motion Picture, Television or Other Visual Media (*Jai Ho*)

2010  Padma Bhushan, Government of India  
2011  Critics Choice Awards for Best Song (*127 Hours*)

**Selected Film Music**

*Roja* (1992)  
*Bombay* (1995)  
*Muthu* (1995)  
*Jeans* (1998)  
*Dil Se.* (1998)  
*Padayappa* (1999)  
*Lagaan* (2001)  
*Baba* (2002)  
*Slumdog Millionaire* (2008)  
*127 Hours* (2010)  
*Rockstar* (2011)  
*Sivaji* (2012)  
*Jab Tak Hai Jaan* (2013)  
*The Hundred-Foot Journey* (2014)  
*Million Dollar Arm* (2014)  
*O Kadhal Kanmani* (2015)  
*Mumbai Musical* (2017)

**Selected CD Album**

*Vande Mataram* (Columbia/SME Records, 1997)  
*Muthu* (Alter Pop, 1998), as most popular foreign soundtrack in Japan  
*Introducing Ar Rahman* (Saregama, 2006)  
*Slumdog Millionaire* (Universal Music, 2009) Japan version  
*Couples Retreat* (Relativity Med. Sdtk, 2009)  
*Best of Ar Rahman: Music & Magic From The Composer* (Sony Legacy, 2009)  
*& The Award Goes To* (Sony Music, 2010)  
*Connections* (Wrasse Records, 2010)  
*SuperHeavy* (Polygram, 2011)  
*Raanaq* (Sony Music, 2014)