

Fukuoka Prize 2016 Grand Prize

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)
Warriors of Heaven and Earth (2003)
Inside Man (2006)
Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)
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)
Raunaq (Sony Music, 2014)