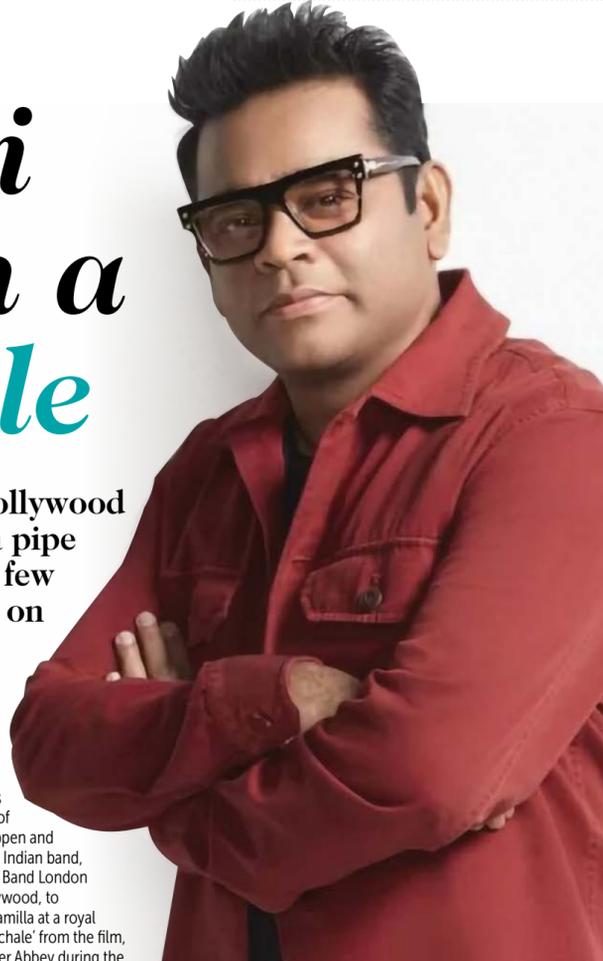


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When desi beats reach a global scale

From Hollywood drawing inspiration from Bollywood songs to these tracks being performed by a pipe band at royal events in London, here are a few instances that have showcased Indian music on the international stage



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A royal affair with Bollywood

Who would have imagined bagpipes playing Bollywood hits for the King of the United Kingdom? Well, it did happen and that too, not just once. International Indian band, Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa Pipe Band London blended Scottish bagpipes and Bollywood, to regale King Charles III and Queen Camilla at a royal ceremony. The beats of 'Dhoom Machale' from the film, 'Dhoom' reverberated at Westminster Abbey during the Commonwealth Day ceremony.

Dressed in full Scottish regalia, the band switched to 'Teri Meri Prem Kahani' when Prince William and Princess Catherine entered for the service and went on to play other well-known Hindi songs.

Hollywood can't get enough of A R Rahman

Long before A R Rahman grabbed the Oscar for his score in 'Slumdog Millionaire', his songs were already making waves in Hollywood. From the 'Bombay Theme' in Lord of War, 'Chaiyya Chaiyya' in 'Inside Man', 'Rang De' in 'The Accidental Husband', and more recently 'Take It Easy, Urvasi' in 'Lion', the Mozart of Chennai has captivated Hollywood.

Conan O'Brien becomes first Oscar host to speak Hindi

American TV host and comedian Conan O'Brien, while hosting the 97th Academy Awards, gave an unexpected shoutout to Indian fans, watching the programme at home in India. During his monologue highlighting the films that are nominated for the award, he switched from English to Hindi to say, "Namashkar. Nashte ke saath Oscar kar rahe hai aap log," he said for Hindi OTT viewers, which translates to, "Greetings to the people of India, it's morning there, so I hope you enjoy your breakfast with the Oscars."

Tesla lights dance to Naatu Naatu

'Naatu Naatu', a peppy four-and-a-half-minute dance number from the Telugu blockbuster 'RRR', waltzed into the record books when it became the first song from India to win a Golden Globe for Best Original Song and then an Oscar for Best Original Score at the 95th Academy Awards in 2023. A large group of Tesla owners in New Jersey, USA, gathered at a parking lot to celebrate the Oscar with a custom light show.

The video clip shows a bunch of Teslas arranged in the form of RRR, the name of the movie and flashing their lights in a synchronised fashion.

The video was also shared by the official account of Tesla. "Schedule your light show on multiple vehicles simultaneously to create an epic festival of lights," the company tweeted.

Marvel loves Bollywood tunes

With many Indian actors playing different roles in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, it's no surprise that Indian music will play an important part. After all, India has its own Spider-Man, Pavitr Prabhakar in 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse'. 'Mera Joota Hai Japani', a song from the 1951 film 'Awaara' was heard playing over the radio in 'Deadpool' when Dopinder (Karan Soni), a cab driver picks up Deadpool, played by Ryan Reynolds. Kamala Khan or Ms Marvel in 'Ms Marvel' has Indian roots and Hindi songs like 'Jhoote do, paise lo' and 'Dil Bole Haddipa' and many other songs are sprinkled throughout the six-episode series. More recently, in the TV series, 'What If...?' season 3, Marvel Studios recreated the iconic Bollywood song 'Malhari' from Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Bajirao Mastani', with Kumail Nanjiani's Kingo leading a dance performance, showcasing a fusion of Bollywood and Marvel's storytelling.



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Shabana Azmi talks about Dabba Cartel's success



Shabana Azmi expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming response to 'Dabba Cartel'. She said, "The answer to its success lies in its writing. Plus, the director was clear in his vision. Also, a special thumbs up to Shibani (Akhtar, creator), who didn't ask for favours just because she is Farhan's (Akhtar, producer) wife." The 'Dabba Cartel' actress takes on the role of Sheilaben, the mastermind leading the drug cartel in Dabba Cartel. Playing such a restrained character, where silence speaks volumes, required a nuanced approach. The experience helped her fine-tune the performance and added a Gujarati dialect to bring depth to the role. She shared, "The most challenging bit was that I had to play her differently from Godmother. Sheila's power is more muted."

Pierce Brosnan not ruling out Bond role again

Pierce Brosnan

has more to say about the prospect of playing James Bond again. The 71-year-old actor first suited up as the iconic British spy in 1995's 'Golden Eye'. He remained in the role until 2002's 'Die Another Day', after which he turned it over to Daniel Craig. Amid questions about who will be the next actor to assume the position of Bond, Brosnan has been asked about his thoughts regarding reprising it. He said that he believes he "could get away with" coming back, adding, "in a pinch." When asked if he was interested in staging a Bond comeback, he replied, "Why not. Let's see where the wind takes us. Let's see what happens. They know where to find me."



'Legally Blonde' prequel series drops first image of Lexi Minetree as Elle Woods, which was previously played by Reese Witherspoon.

Kala Academy's Tiatr 'A' Group Competition results out

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The 50th Tiatr 'A' Group Competition 2024-25 organised by Kala Academy Goa at Dinanath Mageshkar Kala Mandir, Kala Academy, Panjim was held from March 10 to 28 with the participation of 14 institutions. Teotonio Costa, Fr Eusico Pereira and Carmin Barbosa were on the panel of jury to judge the competition.

For Best Performance

- First Prize - Zagronnachi Rat - Barebhat Social & Cultural Association, Raia**
- Second Prize - Varea Ubtolo Kapus - Machi Mogi Morjim Cultural Sanskrutic Saunstha, Morjim**
- Third Prize - Kelolem Urta - Drishti Entertainments, Curchorem**
- Consolation Prize - Vavtoll - Taleigao Dramatic Troupe, Taleigao**

Best Acting - Male

- First Prize - Salil Naik (Salador) - Tum Mhaka Zai**
- Second Prize - Saurabh Karkhanis (Remmy) - Bognaar**

Best Acting - Female

- First Prize - Alisha Menezes (Anjela) - Bognaar**
- Second Prize - Venita D'Costa (Natalin) - Zagronnachi Rat**

Best Negative Role Male or Female:

- First Prize - Avito Pires De Menezes (Bhattkar) - Zagronnachi Rat**
- Second Prize - Prashant Paddekar (Collin Raposo) - Vavtoll**

Best Comedian Male:

- Akash Palkar (Kalliz) - Bognaar**



First Prize Winning Tiatr Zagronnachi Rat

Best Comedian Female:

- Kashvina Cardozo (Beatriz) - Vavtoll**

Best Child Artiste (Male)

- Cassius Fernandes (Pitu) - Zagronnachi Rat**

Best Child Artiste (Female)

- Melita Fernandes (Nathasha) - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**

Best Direction

- First Prize - Marcos Gonsalves - Zagronnachi Rat**
- Second Prize - John Fernandes - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**
- Third Prize - Viswratap Pawar - Amkam Nit Konn Ditolo?**

Best Script

- First Prize - Marcos Gonsalves - Zagronnachi Rat**
- Second Prize - William Fernandes - Kelolem Urta**

Best Music (Band)

- Selvyn Joao Carmino Rodrigues (Onupkari Put) - Zagronnachi Rat**
- Second Prize - Peter Fernandes (Varea Ubtolo Kapus) - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**

Best Singer (Male Solo)

- First Prize - Holly Henricus Rodrigues (Onupkari Put) - Zagronnachi Rat**
- Second Prize - Peter Fernandes (Varea Ubtolo Kapus) - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**

Best Singer (Female Solo)

- First Prize - Dinora Barretto (Duddu Aslear) - Zagronnachi Rat**
- Second Prize - Maria Estrocia (Sonvsar) - Rest in Peace**

Best Comedy (Male Solo)

- Robert D'Souza (Ladies Tailor) - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**

Best Comedy (Female Solo)

- Risma Fernandes (Podra Bail) - Zagronnachi Rat**

Best Child Singer (Male Solo)

- Nathan Pinto (Sumar Korcho Nhoi) - Zagronnachi Rat**

Best Child Singer (Female Solo)

- Naira Livia Fernandes (Eksurponn) - Zagronnachi Rat**

Best Choral Cantar Singing

- Teresa Furtado, Carol Jaspal Tavares, Valanca Pereira, Sweetly V Gomes, Sherwin Dias, Joyson J Faleiro, Holly Rodrigues, Velbe Angel Cardozo, Alroy Fernandes, Cosia Nikita Oliveira - Zagronnachi Rat**

Best Duet:

- Rynell Rodrigues/Ena Costa (Bhurgeanchan Chintat) - Kelolem Urta**

Best Duo:

- Peter Fernandes/Antonio Rodrigues - Bebro Sudarto - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**

Best Trio:

- Quenico Pereira, Elina Pereira, Frazer Fernandes (Ekvottachi Gant) - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**

Best Quartet or Quintet

- Claster Cardozo, Shane Sequeira, Presley D'Costa, Liza D'Silva, Plecey Dias - (Mhojim Bhurgim Mhoje Dan) - Kelolem Urta**

Best Lyrics

- Peter Fernandes - Varea Ubtolo Kapus**