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## **Multiple Oscar Winner A. R. Rahman Joins Hands with British Filmmaker Pritan Ambroase for Ukraine Children Documentary Film 'Can I Go Home Now?'**



Hollywood Insider announced today two-time Oscar Winner A. R. Rahman, music composer, record producer, singer and songwriter has teamed up with film director, producer and philanthropist Pritan Ambroase to compose and record the musical score of the in-production long feature documentary *Can I Go Home Now?*, actually shot in Ukraine recording the testimony of children amongst ongoing war, violence and devastation.

Pritan Ambroase has declared :

*"It gives me the utmost pleasure to be partnering with my idol and musical philosopher-genius A. R. Rahman on my passion film for the lives of the Children in Ukraine. It is a big honor for me as I truly believe the universe brought us together and it is our shared goal to combine the power of Cinema and humanitarianism for a better and kinder world. Rahman is more than just a musician, he is a poet, a philosopher, and a sage of music that forces open even the toughest of walls reaching into the deepest crevices of our hearts. The genius Rahman's power is that he creates these symphonies that are the perfect companion to the story of mankind all over the world. If there was ever a film made to represent humanity and the tapestry of human stories, it would be the combined music of my five idols - A. R. Rahman, Hans Zimmer, Ennio Morricone, John Williams, and Vangelis. As a passionate film director, who understands the magnificent value of music to Cinema, I am excited to create something cinematically beautiful, heart-touching, and utterly emotional with the great Rahman. And as a constant*

*humanitarian, in Rahman, I have found a friend, and working with him has been a gift as the bond between the film director and the film's music composer is a powerful one. I remember one time I wanted to show him some footage of our film I had just filmed in Ukraine, so my editor and I got on zoom with Rahman, from our bunker in Kyiv, and I was a little bit shaken as 5 russian rockets had flown over my head that same day. Rahman comforted me in a way only he knows how, and as soon as he saw the newly filmed footage I had just filmed in Ukraine, he started getting teary eyed and I was crying too, that is when I knew that Rahman and I understand each other and our love for Ukraine and have a lot of love in our hearts for all the children and all the victims of the russian terrorist attacks. That same day in February 2023 Russia had decided to increase attacks on Ukraine. For that one hour, while speaking to Rahman on zoom and listening to his music, I almost forgot about the russian rockets flying above that bunker and the terror that comes with it. Our film is going to be a revolution, as both Rahman and I want to erase all walls and unite our world regardless of skin colors, religions, nationalities, languages, politics, and classes. And what an amazing international filmmaking team has assembled in support of our beautiful Ukraine. Thank you AR. I will always appreciate you, we are forever bonded by this film and our love for humanity and kindness."*



Mr. A. R. Rahman is popular for his works in Hollywood and Indian Cinema; being a winner of notably six National Film Awards. He also has reached international recognition with cinema, as he is a winner of two Academy Awards, two Grammy Awards, a BAFTA Award, and a Golden Globe Award for Slumdog Millionaire. In 2010, the Indian government conferred him with the Padma Bhushan, the nation's third-highest civilian award. Rahman is also a humanitarian and philanthropist, donating and raising money for a number of causes and charities. Rahman has also made his debut as a director and writer for the film Le Musk that is now nominated for a Producer's Guild Award in 2023.

He is sometimes nicknamed "Mozart of Madras" and was included in 2009 on the Time list of the world's 100 most influential people. In 2014, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music.

The music of *Can I Go Home Now?* is actually being recorded in his house studio in Dubai, Los Angeles and Chennai. The style and melodies are still being crafted.

A.R. Rahman declared:

*"Pritan arrived in my life [😊] and I was surprised with how much he knew about some of my rarely exposed compositions. While conversing with him on regular video calls, I understood that we share common beliefs about Love, humanity, and music... and that made the process more organic between us. I am stunned by his Courage to touch such an important subject which involves risking his life tremendously!"*

Pritan Ambroase is a film director, producer, media entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is originally from Kent in England and is praised for combining entertainment, philanthropy and education to further humanitarianism to unite people all over the world. Being one of the few Hollywood CEOs who has physically protested on foot for human rights in more than 25 countries, he has been nicknamed the 'Rebel with A Cause'.

Ambroase is the CEO of The Hollywood Insider media network, the President of 'The Masters of Cinema Awards' which recognizes excellence and extraordinary contribution to Cinema. At the age of 18, Ambroase started the 501(c)(3) philanthropic organization named "Humans of Our World Foundation" which has gone on to help people and causes in over 190 countries all over the world.



He is now in production in Ukraine of the film documentary Can I Go Home Now? shot under the dangerous combat conditions in a current war zone. The international production is from Cinessaince Motion Pictures (USA), Hollywood Insider (USA), Slava Pictures Productions (Ukraine), Studio 32 (UK), Humans of Our World (UK). Some others international partners will be added shortly.

Principal photography did start on 15 April 2022 until March 2023. Postproduction is actually set in Kyiv. Print delivery is scheduled for spring 2023.

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