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Donasian

We Can Make It Better

DJINN JOINS INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS FOR DISASTER RELIEF.



CHARITY SINGLE

2005

PRODUCTION & ARRANGEMENT

Mukhtar Sahota

STRING ORCHESTRATION

A. R. Rahman

LANGUAGES

English
Hindi
Punjabi

Djinn joins an international collective of Asian artists on *"We Can Make It Better"*, the charity single from Donasian, produced and arranged by Mukhtar Sahota with string orchestration by A. R. Rahman.

Inspired by Band Aid, the 2005 project brought established performers and emerging talent together in support of communities affected by the South Asian disasters of 2004 and 2005.

Different voices. A shared purpose.

Music in the service of others

Donasian grew from a desire to unite artists for disaster relief. The original announcement identified Save the Children India as the intended beneficiary for the tsunami appeal following the disaster of 26 December 2004. Mukhtar Sahota's later account describes the project as raising funds for victims of the major South Asian disasters in both 2004 and 2005.

Following the collaborative example of Band Aid, Sahota brought established names and upcoming performers into one recording. His production and arrangement, alongside A. R. Rahman's string orchestration, formed the musical foundation for the project.

Djinn's contribution

Djinn featured on the recording and in its accompanying music video, contributing his own lyrics. The collaboration became a notable part of his early recording career, bringing his work into a project shared with artists from across the international Asian music community.

The featured artists

Shaan, Jaspinder Narula, Sukhwinder Singh, Hans Raj Hans, Am'nico, UK Apache, Palvinder Dhami (Heera), Channi Singh (Alaap), Djinn, Sneha Mistri, E=MC, Sumeet and Shahin Badar, with Surinder Sandhu on sarangi and Shahbaz Khan on tabla.

The project and release

Organised by Internalmusic, Realtone Records and Streetlife Productions, Donasian was a non-profit initiative. The recording combines English, Hindi and Punjabi. The project archive credits Chaman Lal Chaman for Punjabi and Hindi lyrics, Am'nico for English lyrics, and the rap performers for their own sections.

The CD listing includes *"We Can Make It Better (Tsunami Lehar)"*, *"Tsunami Lehar"* and *"We Can Make It Better"*, together with a message from the artists and the music video.

Watch the music video / Project archive & credits / Mukhtar Sahota's biography

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