

Which of Yash Raj Films' songs are your favourite?

I loved the song *Tere Liye...* from *Veer Zaara* because it had been composed by the legendary Madan Mohan. Lataji's (Mangeshkar) voice in it is magical.

Which are the Hindi songs you grew up on?

I grew up on Subhash Ghai's *Hero* (Laxmikant-Pyarelal) and then what's that *tara ra ra ra* (hums the *Suhana safar* tune from *Madhumati*)! I've not grown up much on Hindi music. But I used to like the music of *Sholay* (RD Burman). In the '90s after becoming a film composer, I started discovering a lot of extraordinary things in the music of Madan Mohan and Hridaynath Mangeshkar. Great composers!