

KISHORE KUMAR ONCE MORE

The late artiste's unheard track releases on 23rd death anniversary



Kishore Kumar and Madan Mohan

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Tomorrow, on Kishore Kumar's 23rd death anniversary, a never-before-heard song of the legendary singer, 'Ladkiyon ko chahiye woh college mein seekhlein...', composed by the late Madan Mohan, will be released on the latter's website, www.madanmohan.in. The naughty situational campus number includes some typical Kishore Kumar parody elements along with a snippet of Madan Mohan singing, as he composed the tune. It was created for an early '70s film, *Rehnuma* that remains in the cans.

Last year, another song from the film, 'Aaj mujhe jai jaane bhi do...' in Kishore Kumar's voice, had featured in an album, *Tere Bagair*, that also included other unheard gems by Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle and Mohd. Rafi and were all composed by Madan Mohan, who passed away 32 years ago.

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I put out 15 of my favourites on a CD that I released under Yash Raj Music last year," says Madan Mohan's son, Sanjeev Kohli. "Of the eight-nine remaining songs, two were put online on Mohd Rafi's birthday on July 31. I've finished with Lataji and Kishore's songs but about three-four of Ashaji's still remain. I'm looking to release them in December or January 2011 on an appropriate occasions."

Some of these songs, like 'Ladkiyon ko chahiye...' are not in his father's usual style, Kohli points out. Yet, they are cherished by his fans. He reasons, "They are rare gems and a reminder of the combined talents of a great singer and a versatile music director."