

SALIM MERCHANT AND SULAIMAN MERCHANT



Salim Merchant and **Sulaiman Merchant** are musician brothers, born and brought up in Bhuj, Gujarat, India. Their father Sadruddin Merchant is a composer who has worked long for the film industry. Steeped in a family tradition of music, Salim mastered the piano at the Trinity College of Music in London while Sulaiman took up tabla training with such legends as Taufiq Qureshi and Ustad Zakir Hussain. It took six years after their first music composition in a Bollywood film to emerge as popular music directors in 2003. They received recognition with their award-winning performance for their music in the films Bhoot and Iqbal.

Salim and Sulaiman have been composing music for over a decade. They have also composed and produced several TV commercials and collaborated with artistes such as Ustad Zakir Hussain and Ustad Sultan Khan. Salim Merchant was one of the three judges for the Fifth season of Indian Idol on Sony Entertainment Television (India).

The musical duo collaborated with South African singer Loyiso Bala and Kenyan singer and song writer Eric Wainaina to record the anthem for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The anthem is the song "Africa – You're A Star".

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The duo was in NIT Rourkela for the CELEBRITY NITE on March 21st 2015. They mesmerized the audience with their popular compositions and left the huge crowd enthralled during a 2 hour performance.