



Journey
of
A.R.Rahman



Prologue

A.R. Rahman is the proud of Indian music industry who has taken Indian music to the global platforms. After a difficult childhood, Rahman decided to pursue his career in music. Today he is widely acclaimed as one of the finest composers in the music industry. But how did he get there? Let's watch his journey...



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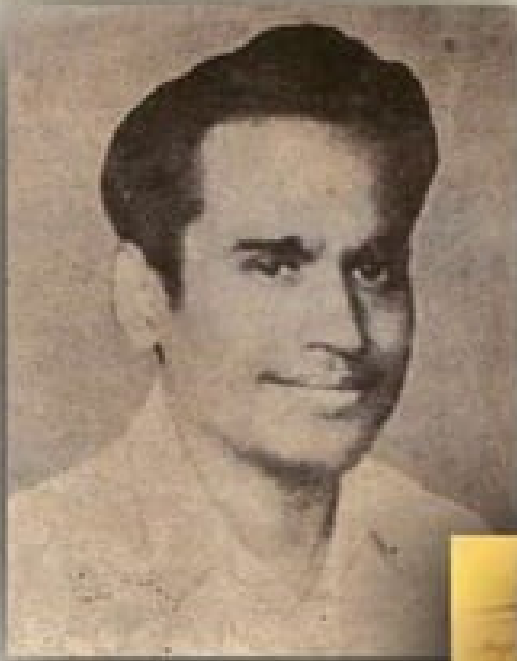
Childhood Journey



A.R. Rahman was born as **A.S. Dileep Kumar** on 6th January, 1966 in Chennai, Tamilnadu to a Tamil Mudaliar family.



Changed his name to **A.R. Rahman** in 1989



His **father** R.K. Shekhar was a **composer** and **arranger** in **Malyalam** movies.



His **mother** Kasthuri (later changed name to Kareema Begum) always had a **huge influence** on the **boy**.



Young Rahman used to be fascinated about **music** and **technology**.

Started playing with **keyboard** tunes at the age of **four**. He spent hours in **experimenting** with **synthesizer**.



Hard Life.

When Rahman was 9, his father passed away.



At the age of 11 he joined Illaiyaraja's troupe as a keyboard player to earn money for his family.



Chapter 2

The Education

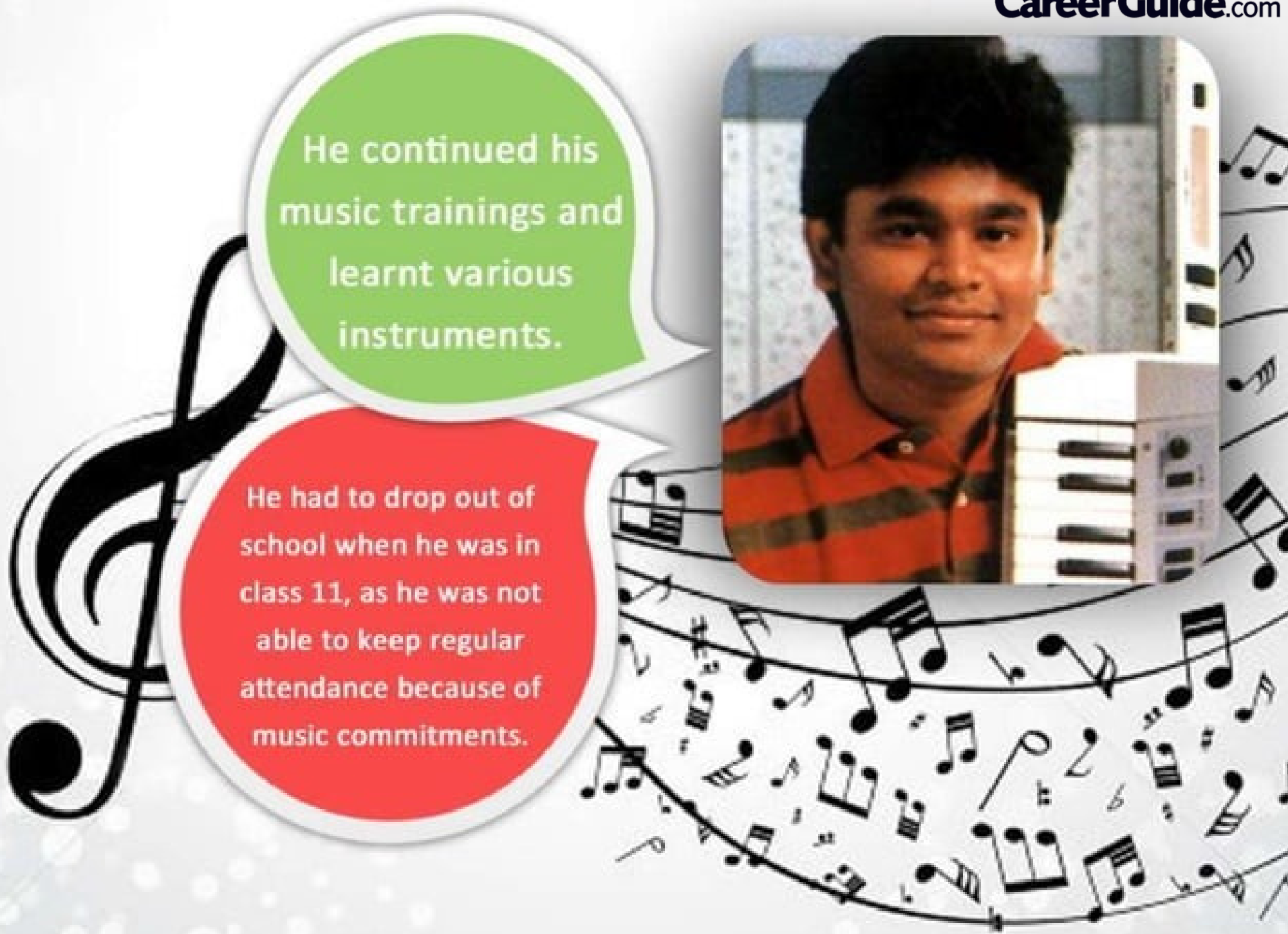
He studied in Padma Seshadri Bal Bhavan School followed by Madras Christian College.

Due to problems in personal life, young Dileep had to change schools quite frequently.



He continued his music trainings and learnt various instruments.

He had to drop out of school when he was in class 11, as he was not able to keep regular attendance because of music commitments.



Education in Music continued....

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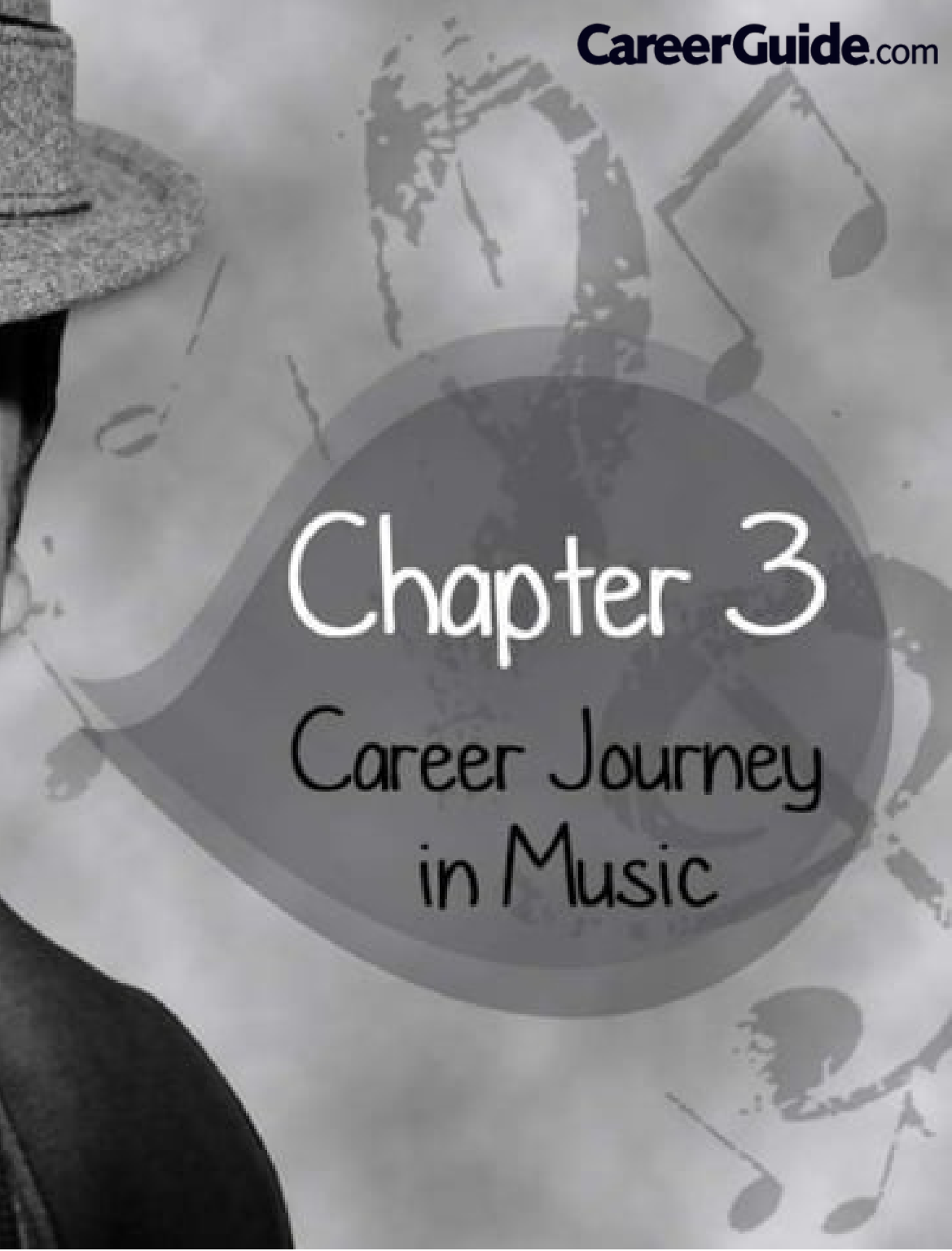


Got a scholarship to the famed Trinity College of Music at Oxford University from where he **obtained a degree** in **Western Classical Music.**



Chapter 3

Career Journey in Music



After a degree in Western Classical Music, Rahman worked on giving international perspective to Indian music.

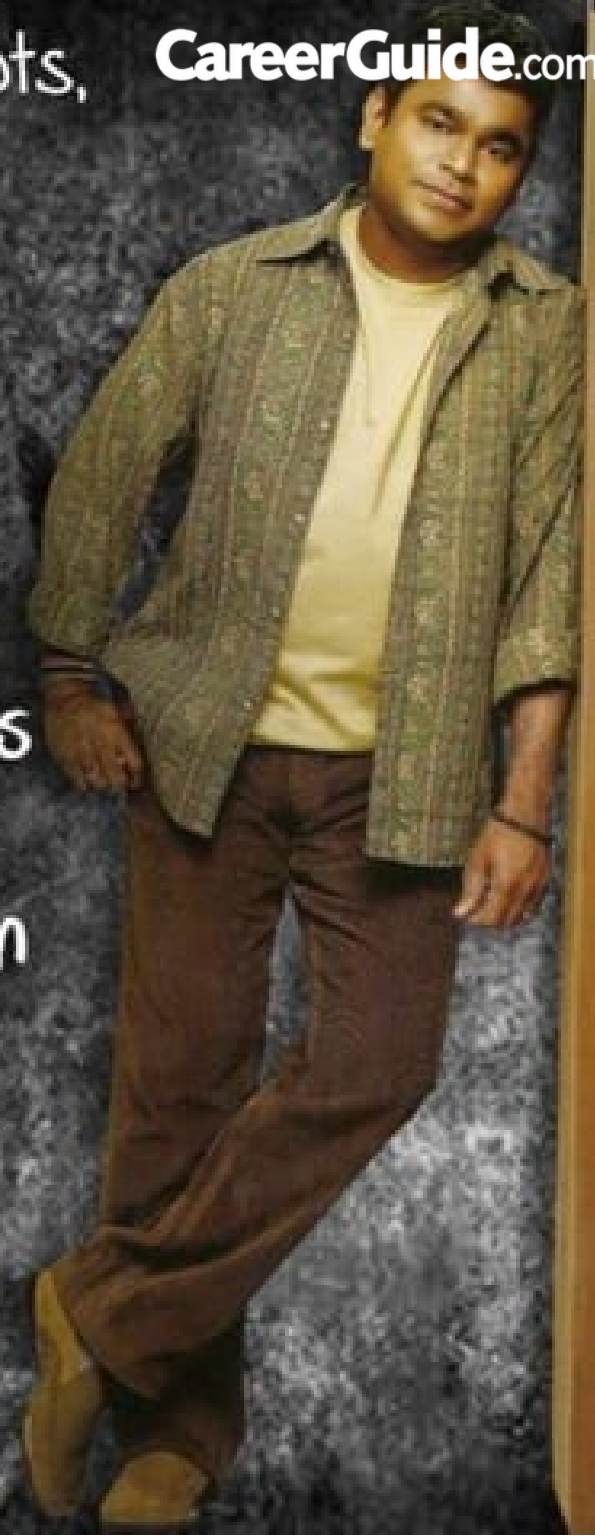
MUSIC

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Became a part of local bands like - Roots,

~ Magic and Nemesis Avenue

Initially composed scores for documentaries, jingles for advertisements and Indian Television channels.



Got break in 1992

Was approached by Mani Ratnam in 1992 to compose music for his movie Roja.

Debutant won National Award for his first movie.



Never stopped after that. Worked on various projects in Bollywood, hollywood and conducted many national and international concerts.

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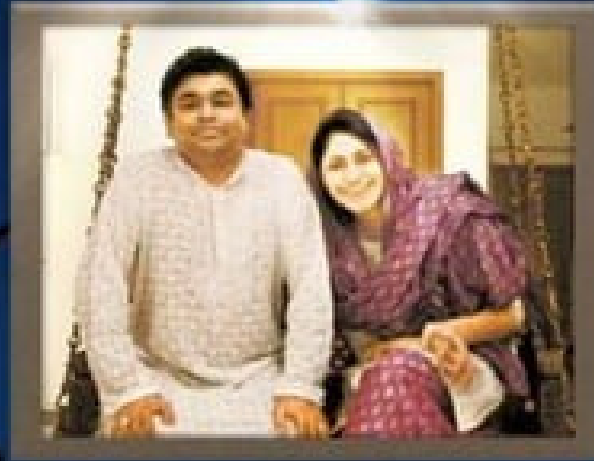
In 2006, he launched his own music label KM Music.





Chapter 4

Personal Life



Rahman is married to Saira Banu and has three children,
Khatija, Rahima, and Ameen.




He is involved in various charitable causes.

In 2004, he was appointed as the Global Ambassador of the Stop TB Partnership, a project by WHO.

Chapter 5

Awards and Honors



A collage of musical notes and a man in a suit holding a trophy. The man is on the right side of the image, wearing a dark suit and tie, holding a silver trophy. The background is a dark, textured surface with various musical notes and symbols scattered around. There are several callout boxes with text describing his achievements.

Four time National
Film Award winner

Padma Shri
from
Government
of India

In 2007, Rahman was entered into the
Limca Book of Records as "Indian of the
Year for Contribution to Popular Music"

Padma Bhushan
from Government
of India

Lifetime
achievement
award from
Rotary Club of
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Finally his love and divine
respect for music brought
him and India

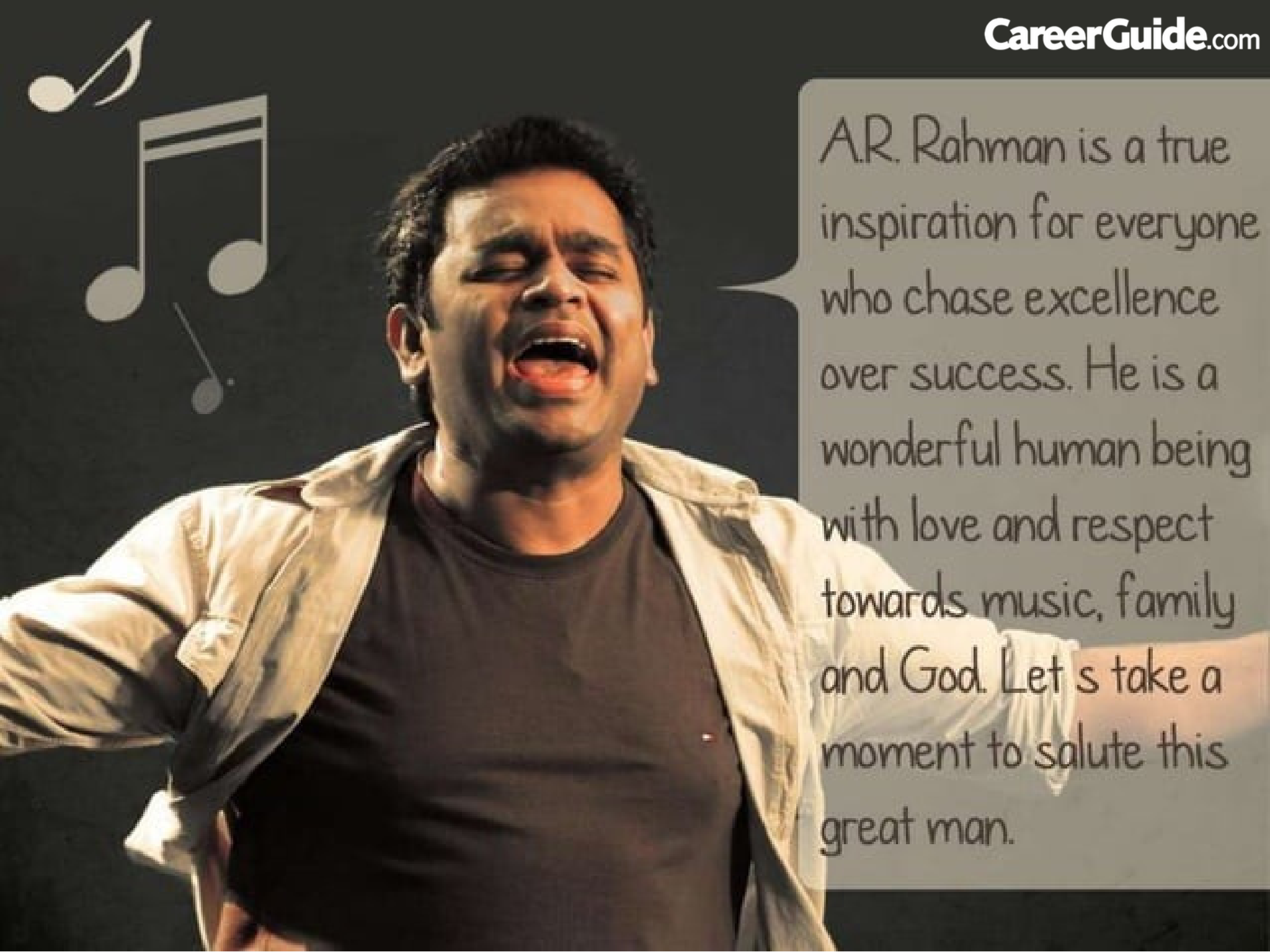
two Oscars in 2009 for
Slumdog Millionaire





☐ Music knows no barrier of age or culture. It isn't about being politically correct or even making a statement. Music is what appeals to the ears and touches your soul. ☐

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A.R. Rahman is a true inspiration for everyone who chase excellence over success. He is a wonderful human being with love and respect towards music, family and God. Let's take a moment to salute this great man.