

ROOM-i-Nation | Aditya Prakash

Sit with me. I have a story to sing.



Gig theatre may be an unexpected form for a classically-trained Karnatik singer, but this is a story that Aditya Prakash can't tell with music alone. Join us on the incomparable multimedia journey of ROOM-i-Nation, a thoughtful and compelling exploration of identity and tradition through the lens of music and storytelling. Created by Aditya Prakash, ROOM-i-Nation weaves together the threads of Karnatik classical music with the history of Asian immigration and stories of identity and belonging to offer a nuanced take on navigating two worlds.

ROOM-i-Nation brings to life Aditya's 2023 album [ISOLASHUN](#) (New Amsterdam Records), using live music, a soundscape, an Akram Khan dance film specifically for the project, video projection, and personal stories to illuminate the immigrant and diasporic experience and offer a hopeful look at bridging cultures, generations, and musical traditions. ROOM-i-Nation invites us all to reflect on our stories of belonging and authenticity.

The project draws from Aditya's experiences growing up in Los Angeles, training in India, performing from a young age, and his deep engagement with Karnatik music and contemporary sounds. His narrative is one of discovery, challenging traditional boundaries while embracing a complex identity. It's an acknowledgment of the richness that comes from embracing our multifaceted selves and the art that emerges from this acceptance.

Aditya Prakash is a visionary artist who has found a way to speak to everyone while speaking in his own language.

- Tigran Hamasyan

[Trailer](#) (1:27)

Video Projection Sample: [Anthem excerpt](#) (1:19) Password: Angel_Island

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The ROOM-i-Nation Team

Aditya Prakash, Composer, Writer, and Performer

Mythili Prakash, Director and Dramaturg

Seah Johnson, Lighting and Stage Design

Julian Le, Sound Design and Engineer

Yeast Culture, Video projection design, and animation

INSURGENTS film: Choreographed and directed by **Akram Khan**, edited and co-directed by **Maxime Dos**

Tim Wilson, Creative Producer

Akram Khan, Artistic Advisor (London)

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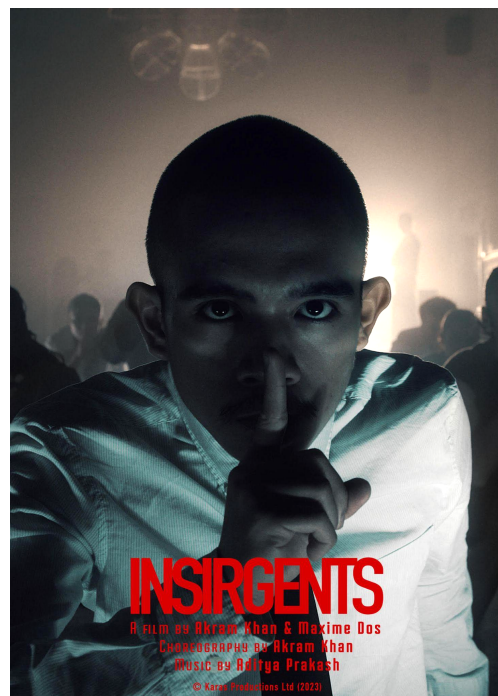
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Aditya Prakash, an award-winning singer and composer known for his powerful and expressive voice, is one of the foremost young practitioners of Karnatik music. His performances in the United States, India, and more than 15 countries are recognized for his innovative approach to composition, production, and performance.

At sixteen, Aditya became one of the youngest musicians ever to tour and perform with sitar maestro Ravi Shankar, accompanying him to such prestigious stages as Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, and Disney Concert Hall.

Aditya has collaborated with a diverse range of innovative artists, including sitarist Anoushka Shankar, Jazz pianist Tigran Hamasyan, electronic experimental artist Karsh Kale, and the acclaimed dancer and choreographer Akram Khan.

Aditya founded the eclectic music group Aditya Prakash Ensemble, which creates a space for dialogue between Karnatik and jazz. The Ensemble's 2020 album, "Diaspora Kid," garnered praise from Songlines and KCRW and was featured in the top 15 albums on the Transglobal World Music Chart in May 2020. In 2021, Aditya Prakash Ensemble performed in an NPR Tiny Desk concert curated by the acclaimed GlobalFest festival.

Aditya is mentored by two prolific Karnatik artists: musician, activist, author T.M. Krishna, and musician and scholar R.K. Shriramkumar. Aditya received his B.A. in Arts from UCLA's prestigious Ethnomusicology program.

Aditya's current focus in composition is pushing boundaries within the "classical" tradition. In ISOLASHUN, Aditya explores the weight of privilege and the boundaries of tradition in an entirely new creative form. Currently, Aditya is composing the music for three evening-length dance productions by the internationally renowned English choreographer Akram Khan. Audiences will hear Aditya's music in the Academy Award-winning director Aneil Karia's forthcoming feature film, Hamlet, starring Riz Ahmed.