

OSCAR 2023: India wins 2 Awards: RRR & a Documentary

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Monday, 13th March 2023: Los Angeles, USA: At the 95th Academy Awards ceremony, organized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), on Sunday night, March 12, 2023, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, India won two Awards:

- **BEST ORIGINAL SONG:** “Naatu Naatu,” by M.M. Keeravaani and Chandrabose . Deepika Padukone, a famous Indian star, introduced ‘Naatu Naatu’. On presenting the song, she noted its anti-colonialist themes — "but it’s also “a total banger," she said (The song is from RRR, a Film from India. RRR is Director S.S. Rajamouli’s action epic set in British colonial India: Review available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/05/movies/rrr-review.html> The song is a part of a high-energy dance, starring Ram Charan and Jr NTR and a group of dancers. The playback singers of this Telugu song are Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj.)
- **Documentary Short:** “The Elephant Whisperers” (Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga)- the first-ever Oscar for an Indian production.



Guneet Monga @guneetm · 5h

Tonight is historic as this is the first ever Oscar for an Indian production.

Thank you Mom Dad Guruji Shukrana 🙏 To my Co-Producer Achin Jain, Team Sikhya, Netflix, Alope, Sarafina, WME Bash Sanjana. My lovely Husband Sunny.

Kartiki for bringing & weaving this story



Kartiki Gonsalves

Presentation of the “Naatu Naatu” Award:



A TikTok challenge was set up on the song and it has millions of followers on YouTube.

At Oscar 23, Michelle Yeoh, a Malaysian-born actor of Chinese origin, became the first Asian woman to win the Best Actress Oscar. She played the role of an immigrant business owner in in “Everything Everywhere All at Once,” which swept most of the top categories, including best picture and directing, at Sunday night’s Awards ceremony. The Malaysian-born actor dedicated her win to "all the little boys and girls who look like me." She added, "this is a beacon of hope and possibility. This is proof that dreams dream big and dreams do come true. And ladies, don't let anyone ever tell you you're past your prime."



Note: Please read “RRR Wins TWO Critics Choice Awards”, of January 16, 2023 at <https://diginews360.com/rrr-wins-two-critics-choice-awards/> .