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GARUDA MOTION PICTURES AND KUMARAN NAIDU PRODUCTIONS IN ASSOCIATION WITH FADEN PRODUCTIONS AND THE DDI PRESENT "BROKEN PROMISES 4-EVER"
 STARRING: THRESHEN NACKER, KOICHI NAIDOO, RAMI PILLAY, NEEL PILLAY, ANJALYAH CHAROD, FADEEN MIA, SHEENA RAMMOUTHAR, RISHNA RAJKUMAR, KUMARAN NAIDU, CRYSTAL ESTELLE VITTEE,
 SHAWON MISHKA BHOURAJ, SATHIE MOODLEY, KAJOL SENGORIND, ROSHINI AND YOGAN MOODLEY. WRITTEN BY MATHEW MICHEALS. DIRECTED BY CRYSTAL VITTEE. MUSIC BY HAROON DAVIDOOD MIA. COSTUME DESIGNER CLENN WELLMAN. KUMARAN NAIDU
 AND DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KUMARAN NAIDU. PRODUCED BY GMP. EDITOR PAPPANA MOYO. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS MANOJRAV MUSIC. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ANMEE DHEERMAN, FADEEN MIA, KUMARAN NAIDU. PRODUCED BY FADEEN MIA



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Music

MANGRAY MUSIC

Synopsis

In the fourth instalment of 'Broken Promises', which follows the antics of the Padayachee family, Amsugi's (Kogie Naidoo) grandson, Mandoza (Theshen Naicker), is desperate to get married. But he is afraid of making the mistakes his father Reuben (Neel Pillay) made when he met Mandoza's mother. However, Mandoza is rejected by Skye (Kajol Sewgobind), his girlfriend, as she feels that he needs to ask her father, Kallan (Kumaran Naidu), for permission. Skye is also concerned that they are rushing into things as she has not yet met Mandoza's family.

A trip to Durban takes place, with everybody excited to receive Mandoza. Unfortunately for him, all his plans to make a good impression on Kallan go down the drain. On top of that, Kallan is not happy about Skye being involved with a non-Christian.

Amsugi starts her antics again, just as she once did with Natasha, Mandoza's mother; she not only tells Skye that they need to start preparing for the couple's wedding, but she also tells her exactly how she should be doing so. Unfortunately for her, Amsugi does not realise that the headstrong Skye is not one to be trifled with.

Q&A: Kumaran Naidu

Where did the idea for the film originate?

This film is a modern take on a dysfunctional family. The 'Broken Promises' franchise always deals with issues between the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, which is typical for most Indian homes, and indeed many homes in general. There can never be harmony. I decided to reboot the franchise, keeping the same concept but reversing the roles. The focus is now on the relationship between father-in-law and son-in-law. I went a step further to include the typical scenarios, such as the cultural differences between Hindus and Tamils. To make matters even worse, I decided to also explore the situation when both parties are from different religious backgrounds. I knew that people would enjoy this as many would relate to it, as they wonder what the solution will eventually be for a poor couple who basically have everything working against them.

What is unique and most entertaining about the film?

The reversal of roles. In the previous film, all power went to the mother-in-law, who saw herself justified in how she treated her daughter-in-law. In this film she has met her match. Also, we have introduced the new relationship between the snobbish and intimidating father-in-law and the fun carefree son-in-law, who just happens to be pushing all the wrong buttons. Many of the older characters have also come out of their shell and fans will enjoy their new personas.

What comments do you have on your role as a director?

When making a film of this magnitude, with a well-known ensemble cast, it was important to always keep their characters and their specific quirks in mind. I had to get into their heads and make myself understand 'why' they would react the way they do in certain situations, and always ensure that the portrayal was true to that character. Managing the various sub-plots, and how they all contribute to the main story was a challenge, especially with such a huge cast. It was imperative to me that all performances were natural and believable, so I had to refrain from the stereotypical clichés that one would usually associate with this community.

How did you go about casting?

From the first draft of the script, I knew the various types of characters I was looking for. The first draft was actually completely different from the final script. The story took an entirely new direction, but the characters stayed the same with some minor changes.

When I cast, I normally have open auditions, allowing anybody, and everybody to showcase their talent. I then adapt a specific person to suit a role, or even go so far as to rewrite the role to suit the person. I believe that the community have great hidden talent and that they need some mentoring to shine in the spotlight.

More than 100 people auditioned for the various roles, so we were spoilt for choice. When we hold an audition, we are not just looking for people who can learn the words of a script. We want to see real emotions, the drama and the quirky traits and skills that will add a new dimension to the movie.

What do your leads bring to the film?

As with any film, 'Broken Promises 4-Ever' relies on the leads to carry the story. I was fortunate to be able to find extraordinary leads, such as Theshen Naicker in the role of Mandoza. The character required versatility which Theshen was easily able to deliver, while also imbuing his character with the right emotions. Theshen is extremely talented; he is a skilful dancer, an extraordinary singer, and a profound actor. He also comes with a huge following for his alter ego Aunty Sheila.

Also returning as leads are the lovable sisters Amsugi and Bommi, played by Kogie Naidoo and Bommi Pillay. They keep the intensity of the conflict alive, and they did a tremendously fine job of that.

To pair off Theshen appropriately I needed someone who could be sophisticated and witty. Kajol Sewgobind is perfect in the role of Skye.

Each of the leads brought naturalness to the story, and made their characters relatable, which is extremely important to me as a director.

Describe the making of the film

The movie was shot mostly in Verulam, while some scenes were shot in Phoenix, Tongaat and the Durban CBD area. The film was shot over 25 days during October 2017. Since the bulk of the crew were from Johannesburg, we rented a B&B in Durban and housed some of the cast and all of the crew there. It also doubled as our base of operations. We had a very competent crew from various backgrounds who also gave their input on a few scenes and advised how to go about achieving what we wanted.

The cast was excited to be on set, especially on one of this scale. The previous movies were on the low budget side, but with this instalment we went all out.

The shoot days were long, as we would start about 8.00am, head off to the various locations, and sometimes only return to base at around 11.00pm. Both cast and crew had a positive attitude – they were really having fun and didn't mind the long working hours. This became a passion project for everyone involved, and no-one saw it as a job.

There was a lot of fun to be had on set, and as well as many pranks. It's the first time I have worked with a huge crew, and no-one could contain their laughter while watching the performances during the shoots. It was a truly wonderful experience.

What excites you about the film?

This film is relatable to the general community as it deals with common issues in a humorous way. It will be interesting to observe how the audience reacts to these situations when they see them unfolding on the big screen.

Who's your target audience?

Although the story revolves around an Indian family, this movie is for a South African audience. I feel that every race and culture will be able to relate to the story. As much as there are cultural clashes between people from Hindi and Tamil backgrounds, so there are between people from other ethnic groups, such as Zulu and Xhosa, or English and Afrikaans.

Biographies – Crew

Kumaran Naidu – Director

Kumaran Naidu, aka Mr K, is an award-winning director, producer, and scriptwriter of the highly acclaimed 'Broken Promises' and 'Run for your Life' film franchises. His experience in the film industry is extremely broad, and as such he is an accomplished film editor (Avid Media Composer), 3D visual effects artist and compositor (Maya, 3DS Max, Nuke, Fusion, After Effects) as well as an established DOP, employing the latest techniques in cinematography.

He worked as an auditor for 15 years, but knew his career was destined for film. He made his first film, 'Broken Promises', in 2003, on a shoestring budget. This was the first Indian film made in Africa at the time, and became a huge success, making Naidu a household name. Since then he has produced and directed several other films, each of which have become local hits. His films proved to be so popular that the DVDs made their way to places such as India, Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Canada, and other countries with a sizeable Indian population.

He has since been given an Honorary Award by the CFAD (Centre of Fine Arts and Animation Development) for his contribution to the local film industry. Naidu believes in creating opportunities and building the local film industry. He therefore allows many aspiring actors, trainee technical crew, film students and the like to be a part of his productions, so that he can give on-set guidance and mentoring.

Fadeen Mia: Producer

Fadeen has years of experience in front of the camera. He is most well-known from his roles in popular South African shows such as 'Generations', 'Hustle', 'Hard Copy', 'Zabalaza', and 'Gold Diggers'. He has also appeared in the film 'It's Complicated', 'Bond of Blood', and 'The Rowing Club'.

A 'Mr India South Africa' runner-up, he has also graced the screen in the SABC 1 reality show 'Bar One Man Hunt', and has worked as a presenter on shows such as Mela (SABC 3) and East & Style.

Fadeen has taken his love for music to the next level through the creation of his alias, 'Rich & Creamy'. This brand's music was successfully featured numerous times on 5FM and 947, and he is a two-time winner of the MTN Radio Awards for South African DJs.

Saathie Moodley: Production Co-ordinator

Saathie has been involved with the Broken Promises franchise since its inception. On Broken Promises 4-Ever, he was contracted as a production co-ordinator, which included sourcing locations. He has been fortunate enough to have gained acting experiences both in theatre and film, and knows the ins and outs of Indian Comedy extremely well.

Shanon Mishca Bhojraj: Script Supervisor

Owner of Shanon B Dance Academy, an LLB student and an aspiring actress, Shanon has appeared in the film 'The Curse of Highway Sheila'.

Biographies – Crew

Theshen Naicker: Mandoza

Theshen Naicker has a long career in theatre. He has played lead roles in 'Mandrax Muniamma' and 'Suitcase Carriers', directed by the late Aldrin Naidu, and in 'Charous in Denial', 'Hello Darlings Sheila Here!', and 'Aunty Sheila... You're Hired'. He's had the privilege of featuring in three short films that aired on Mzansi Magic on Dstv: 'Pushpa's Love Child', 'Flush', and 'Zoid'. In 2016, he played the lead villain in 'The Curse of Highway Sheila', his first feature film.

Theshen, a psychology lecturer at Varsity College, is also a popular Durban-based actor and makeup artist who rose to stardom following the viral success of his alter ego, Aunty Sheila's, videos on social media. Aunty Sheila is a proud Tamil woman who has over 70 000 likes on Facebook. Her satirical videos, which poke fun at issues within the Indian community, also send out a strong and positive message, and have been shared thousands of times over.

Kogie Naidoo: Amsugi

Kogie Naidoo has 60 years of experience in acting. She is passionate about acting and her experience includes theatre, radio dramas and movie roles. She believes she owes her success to her parents and family. Kogie has had the pleasure of working with many great local artists like Krish Swamivel, Parry Govender, Maeshni Naicker, and the late Swamivel Pillay and Mahavishnu Naidoo. She claims to have learnt much from working with these artists and hopes that she will be able to continue with her acting career for many more years to come.

Kogie is an actress, known for 'Florida Road' (2010) and 'Broken Promises' (2003), 'Broken Promises 2' (2007), 'Broken Promises 3' (2011) and 'The Curse of Highway Sheila' (2014). She is passionate about the theatre, film and TV industry, and is a talented actress who has many years of experience. She is well-known for her role as the dreaded mother in law 'Amsugi', which she has played in the 'Broken Promises' trilogy.

Rani Pillay: Bommi

Rani Pillay started her acting career working on the 'Broken Promises' franchise. The elegant, and well-known community star resumes the role of Bommi for the third time in 'Broken Promises 4-Ever'. She is kind and hardworking on set, bringing light-heartedness and always having a smile on her face, no matter the circumstances. As Amsugi's sidekick, her character is known for being 'sharp like a minora blade'.

Neel Pillay: Reuben Padayachee

Neel is no stranger to the entertainment scene. He began his stage career at 16 when he participated in a local community production opposite Kogie Naidoo (Amsugi). Though acting was fun, his other passion is modern Indian dance and, through this medium, he has stayed on the local entertainment scene, participating with his group in various community events. He has maintained a close association with Kogie Naidoo and it was through this association that his big break came when Kumaran Naidu approached Kogie Naidoo with a proposal for a TV production. According to Neel, having grown up as an only child, and raised by a single mom, he has a very close bond with his immediate family.

Sheena Ramouthar: Cookie

Sheena has years of experience in popular theatre shows, appearing alongside 'Aunty Sheila', and also featured in the film 'The Curse of Highway Sheila'.

Aaliyah Chaboo: Mikayla

21-year-old Aaliyah is pursuing a career in the acting industry. She has been a Bollywood-style dancer since 2015, and is currently a marketing student. She has featured in the series, 'Ups and Downs' (directed by Kumaran Naidu).

Crystal Estelle Vittee

Actress, model and beauty queen, Crystal Estelle Vittee, is a former Miss India Gauteng, Miss Bollywood Gauteng and Miss Bollywood South Africa, and she was the first featured model for the well-known eastern boutique Docrats. She was also selected as the first brand ambassador of Trade Route Mall in 2012. She has featured on the cover of Top Models SA twice, and continues to soar to new heights in the modelling industry. With qualifications in drama and film, as well as psychology, she has performed in various theatre plays, such as 'Race Trouble', A Master Piece, Aarush, Sex & Tiger Swings, and more.

Riona Rajkumar: Michelle

Riona is making her acting debut in Broken Promises 4-Ever. She has appeared on stage in the Vishwa Shakti production which took place at the Durban Playhouse.

She was crowned Mrs India South Africa 2015, winning the title for Best Talent. As a former TV and radio presenter, she is a confident and has a commanding presence. confidence and vocals perspective.

Roshni and Yogan Naidoo: Kamla and Sunny

Known as everyone's favourite aunt and uncle, Roshni and Yogan Naidoo are finally making their debut on the big screen. After being associated with the Broken Promises franchise since inception, the couple have become a household name in Indian communities and they can't wait to bring more fun and entertainment to the big screen.

Kajol Sewgobind: Skye

No stranger to the Kumaran Naidu film franchise; she has taken the lead in the film 'The curse of Highway Sheila' while also pushing her modelling career on the FHM top models a few years back. She shares a passion for the silver screen as she has now taken her modelling to film.

End Credits

Kumaran Naidu	Executive Producer
Fadeen Mia	Executive Producer
Aimee Dherman	Executive Producer
Kumaran Naidu	Director
Fadeen Mia	Producer
Crystal Estelle Vittee	Project Manager
Shanice Odayar	Production Assistant
Shanon Bhoraj	Script Supervisor
Aaliyah Chaboo	Director's Personal Assistant
Treasure Tungela	Grips
Papama Moyo	Director of Photography
Senthuren Pillay	First Assistant Director
Eddie Jofferry	Gear Manager
Haroon Mia	Unit Manager
Zunaid Mia	Art Department
Saathie Moodley	Production Co-ordinator
Mashen Odaya	Runner
Aimee Dherman	Production Accountant
Estelle Vittee	Head Of Catering
Shireen Naidoo	Make-up Supervisor
Mathew Michaels	Wardrobe Supervisor
CAST	
Theshen Naicker	Mandoza
Kogie Naidoo	Amsugi
Rani Pillay	Bommi
Kumaran Naidu	Kallan
Aaliyah Chaboo	Mikayla
Sheena Ramouthar	Cookie
Fadeen Mia	Harsheet
Neel Pillay	Reuben
Shivani Maharaj	Young Amsugi
Luvalan Pillay	Young Tony
Saathie Moodley	Mr Moodley
Roshni Moodley	Kamla
Crystal Estelle Vittee	Bhanvani
Yogan Moodley	Sunny
Ashlee Raspal	Radio Guy
Vaneshree Naicker	Jayanthie
Zahra Dada	Andrea
Christintha Moodley	Pushpa
Avinash Dwarikpersad	Tiny

Shalendra Singh	Anal
Karonisa Manilal	Ranvitha
Keval Maharaj	Shirtless Guy
Perlin Pillay	Peter
Kubeshan Naidoo	Rajoo
Simone Jade	Priya
Ashish Misra	SkinnyBoy1
Thurian Pillay	Skinny Boy2
Shivar Singh	SkinnyBoy3
Yestin Moodley	SkinnyBoy5
Kelwin Thomas	1970 Boy 2
Ashish Chunder	1970 Boy1
Darshan Naido	Young Billy
Trivolin Govender	1970 Boy3
Tashmeer Chetty	1970 Boy4
Seshen Brijmohun	1970 Boy1 Guliganda
Rubendra Govender	Mr Pillay
Tarryn Naidoo	Young Rooku
Shavashni Naidoo	Young Bommi
Jadene Naidoo	Young Savathri
Veno Narainna	Maliga
Punidesperi Naidoo	Elaine
Ronica Bagwandin	Shiela
Ashika Maharaj	Ronnelle
Shannon Bhoraj	Khalea
Kiyasha Bhugwandeem	Adele
Gopal Govender	Billy
Riona Rajkumar	Michelle
Raquel Pillay	Alisha
Revanla Singh	Denise
Omika Seeth	Natasha
Lance Nayagar	Doctor1
Shivaar Moodley	Doctor2
Uvaisha Rajpal	Nurse 1
Sarah Naidoo	Nurse 2
Pravesh Naidoo	Reuben's friend
Mbali Mncotgho	Harsheet's Girlfriend
Kolausch Ramkissoom	Bollywood scene
Nashlee Dhavasiam	Bollywood scene
Vaughn Ruthenavaloo	Bollywood scene

Thanesparan Naidoo	Bollywood scene
Mathias Shunmugam	Bollywood scene
LOCATIONS	
	Amsugi's House
	Skye's House
	Tiny's House
	Harsheet's House
	Old House
Daymed	Hospital
	Salon
Megazone	Reuben's Office
Phoenix Plaza	Fight scene
Govenders Restaurant - Blue Lagoon	Restaurant scene
	Harsheet weds Mandoza
Ghuffran Chaboo	Pool Party scene
Shell Garage	Condom scene
Savera Hotel	Engagement venue
VEHICLES	
Fadeen	Harsheet's Car
Zahra	Adele's Car
Christintha	Pushba's Van
Neel	Reuben's Car
Appleraju	Classical Cars
Kumaran	Kallan's Car
Saathie	Mr Moodley's Car
POST PRODUCTION	
Kumaran	Editor
	Score
	Times Media
Goodwill Manor	Accommodation
Rabia Chaboo & Rajesh Inderpal	Special Treats
E E Empire	Catering