

Maja Ma

Maja Ma is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language drama film directed by Anand Tiwari.^[1] It stars Madhuri Dixit, Gajraj Rao, Ritwik Bhowmik, Barkha Singh, Srishti Shrivastava and Simone Singh. The film premiered on 6 October 2022 on Amazon Prime Video.^{[2][3]}

Plot

Pallavi Patel is a simple housewife living in a housing society and is famous for her cooking and dance. Her husband, Manohar Patel, is the chairman of the society. Pallavi's daughter is working towards her PhD in sexuality and gender identity. She is also an ally and an activist for LGBTQIA+ rights. Her son, who lives in America, is in love with Esha Hansraj. Pallavi's family is her world. But when Pallavi is questioned about her sexuality, her world and her family start to fall apart.

Cast

- Madhuri Dixit as Pallavi Patel
 - Simran Nerurkar as young Pallavi
- Gajraj Rao as Manohar Patel
- Ritwik Bhowmik as Tejas Patel, Pallavi and Manohar Patel's son
- Barkha Singh as Esha Hansraj, Tejas Patel's fiancée and Bob Hansraj's daughter
- Srishti Shrivastava as Tara Patel Adhia, Pallavi and Manohar Patel's daughter
- Simone Singh as Kanchan Adhia, Tara's mother-in-law and Pallavi's ex-girlfriend
 - Khushi Khanna as young Kanchan
- Rajit Kapoor as Bob Hansraj, Esha Hansraj's father
- Sheeba Chaddha as Pam Hansraj, Bob Hansraj's wife
- Malhar Thakar as Pinakin Adhia, Tara's husband
- Rohit Kumar as Viral's Friend Chabhu
- Khushi Hajare as Kinjal
- Ninad Kamat as Moolchand Adhia, Tara's father-in-law
- Krunal Pandit as Dr Ankit Patel
- Aarti Ashar as Society Women 2

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Written by	Sumit Batheja
Produced by	Amritpal Singh Bindra
Starring	Madhuri Dixit Gajraj Rao Ritwik Bhowmik Barkha Singh Srishti Shrivastava Simone Singh
Cinematography	Debojeet Ray
Edited by	Sanyukta Kaza
Music by	Score: Shishir Samant Songs: Siddharth Mahadevan Souumil Shringarpure Gourov Dasgupta Anurag Sharma

- Ivanka Das as Trans Activist

Soundtrack

The music for the film is composed by Siddharth Mahadevan, Souumil Shringarpure, Gourov Dasgupta and Anurag Sharma while the lyrics are written by Priya Saraiya, Kumaar, Anurag Sharma and Lil Sidley.

Production company	Leo Media Collective
Distributed by	<u>Amazon Prime Video</u>
Release date	6 October 2022
Running time	134 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi

<i>Maja Ma</i>	
Soundtrack album by <u>Siddharth Mahadevan</u> , <u>Souumil Shringarpure</u> , <u>Gourov Dasgupta</u> , <u>Anurag Sharma</u>	
Released	3 October 2022 ^[4]
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
Length	24:38
Language	Hindi
Label	<u>Sony Music India</u>
Official audio	
Maja Ma - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iljZNDn5Nyw) on <u>YouTube</u>	

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Boom Padi"	<u>Priya Saraiya</u>	<u>Siddharth Mahadevan</u> , <u>Souumil Shringarpure</u>	<u>Shreya Ghoshal</u> , <u>Osman Mir</u>	4:06
2.	"Ae pagli"	<u>Kumaar</u>	<u>Gourov Dasgupta</u>	<u>Ash King</u> , <u>Prakriti Kakkar</u>	2:49
3.	"Kacchi Doriyaan"	<u>Anurag Sharma</u>	<u>Anurag Sharma</u>	<u>Arijit Singh</u> , <u>Asees Kaur</u>	3:56
4.	"Kacchi Doriyaan reprise"	<u>Anurag Sharma</u>	<u>Anurag Sharma</u>	<u>Aniruddh Ananta</u> , <u>Harjot Kaur</u>	3:54
5.	"Boom Padi- electronic version"	<u>Priya Saraiya</u> , <u>Lil Sidley</u>	<u>Siddharth Mahadevan</u> , <u>Souumil Shringarpure</u>	<u>Yashita Sharma</u> , <u>Lil Sidley</u>	2:39
6.	"Songs of Celebration"	<u>Priya Saraiya</u>	<u>Siddharth Mahadevan</u> , <u>Souumil Shringarpure</u>	<u>Shashaa Tirupati</u> , <u>Osman Mir</u>	3:05

Reception

Upon release, *Maja Ma* received mixed reviews from the film critics, who praised Dixit's performance but criticized the sanitised plot of the film.^{[5][6][7]} The film currently holds a rating of 6.2/10 on IMDb.^[8]

Rachana Dubey from *The Times of India* gave a rating of 3.5/5 and described the film as "A conscious effort to navigate the internal conflicts that the various characters feel, with Pallavi's sudden revelation."^[9] Manik Sharma from *Firstpost* wrote, "Pallavi's sexuality is a matter of public debate long before, she takes the brave step to contemplate what is being said. This knotty moral conundrum that Pallavi must confront as a personal journey, is the highlight of a film that can often oscillate between massy tropes and meaningful depths."^[10] Shweta Keshri from *India Today* gave *Maja Ma* a rating of 2/5 and wrote, "Madhuri Dixit carries the film on her shoulders and Gajraj Rao delivers a flawless performance. The film dealt with the topic sensitively and not made a mockery of it. However, the film's ending is disappointing".^[11]

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