

Dream Girl 2 is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language comedy-drama film directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa and produced by Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor under Balaji Motion Pictures.^[4] A spiritual sequel to the 2019 film *Dream Girl*,^[5] the film stars Ayushmann Khurrana, alongside an ensemble supporting cast, including Ananya Panday, Paresh Rawal, Annu Kapoor, Rajpal Yadav, Vijay Raaz, Asrani, Abhishek Banerjee, Manjot Singh and Seema Pahwa.^{[6][7]} The film is about a man who cross-dresses and disguises as a woman, leading to a lot of chaos and confusion.

Principal photography began in August 2022 and ended in March 2023. It was released theatrically on 25 August 2023.^[8] The film received mixed reviews from critics. It was a commercial success, grossing ₹140 crore worldwide, emerging as the eleventh-highest grossing Hindi film of 2023.^[9]

Plot

Karamveer "Karam" Singh is a young middle-class man living in Mathura and works as a *Jagrata* performer. He has a special talent of perfectly impersonating a female voice. His father Jagjit Singh is in huge debts after borrowing multiple loans and is unable to repay them. He is in a relationship with Pari Srivastava, a lawyer from a wealthy family. Pari's father Jaipal Srivastava says that he will get Pari married to Karam only if he is able to land a high paying job and buy a house of his own, within six months. In order to earn quick money, Karam disguises as a woman going by the alias "Pooja" and becomes a dancer at a bar owned by Sona Bhai. Pari remains unaware of this.

Karam's best friend Smiley Singh Dhillon is in love with Sakina, the daughter of the hostile Abu Saleem. Abu says that he will get Sakina married only after his son Shah Rukh Saleem is married. Shah Rukh is in depression ever since he had a breakup with his lover six months ago. Abu says that he will give a reward of Rs.10 lakhs to the person who manages to get Shah Rukh out of depression. Smiley requests Karam to pose as "Pooja" and pretend to be a psychiatrist for treating Shah Rukh.

Karam as "Pooja" manages to cheer Shah Rukh up. Abu is overjoyed and says that he wants "Pooja" to be Shah Rukh's bride and Yusuf Ali Salim Khan, Shah Rukh's wheelchair-bound

<i>Dream Girl 2</i>	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Raaj Shaandilyaa
Written by	Raaj Shaandilyaa Naresh Kathooria
Produced by	Ekta Kapoor Shobha Kapoor
Starring	Ayushman Khurana Ananya Panday Paresh Rawal Annu Kapoor Vijay Raaz
Cinematography	C. K. Muraleedharan Jitan Harmmeet Singh
Edited by	Hemal Kothari
Music by	Songs: Meet Bros Tanishk Bagchi Arko Pravo Mukherjee Background

grandfather says that he will pay "Pooja" Rs. 50 lakhs for getting married to Shah Rukh. Karam, seeing the opportunity of making a lot of money, decides to go ahead with the wedding, and then abscond later. On the first night after the wedding, Yusuf sees "Pooja" urinating like a man and dies of shock.

Abu says that as per their family tradition, when someone from the family dies, no family member can get married for the next six months, meaning Smiley cannot get married to Sakina. Moreover, before dying Yusuf had written a message on the wall which read - "Daughter-in-law boy". Everyone assumes that he wanted "Pooja" to give birth to a baby boy as a last wish, putting the pressure on "Pooja" to get pregnant, which would practically be impossible.

As "Pooja" cannot go to the bar to dance regularly anymore, Sona Bhai keeps calling her and asking her to come back to work. He also says that he wants to marry her, so that post his divorce, his children do not feel the absence of a mother. Abu's adopted son Shaukya is also attracted to "Pooja" and keeps flirting with her and trying to impress her. Meanwhile, Abu misunderstands that Karam is actually "Pooja"'s brother. Abu's sister Jumani is attracted to Karam and comes to Jagjit to propose her marriage with Karam. Jagjit, who is attracted to her, misunderstands that she is talking about her marriage with himself. He later realises the truth when he goes on to exchange engagement rings with Jumani, and she clears his confusion.

One night, while in the bedroom with Shah Rukh, "Pooja"'s wig comes off revealing Karam's facade. Shah Rukh is shocked and reveals that he is actually gay and Abu forcefully had him breakup with his boyfriend so that he can get married to a girl instead. Shah Rukh keeps Karam's facade a secret from his family. Sometime later, Jumani asks Karam out on a date and proposes to him with a rose. Pari who happens to be there coincidentally, misunderstands that Karam is cheating on her with Jumani and breaks up with him.

As "Pooja" cannot get pregnant, Abu takes her to Baby Baba, a spiritual guru who can miraculously get women to become pregnant. He asks "Pooja" and Shah Rukh to take a dip in the holy Yamuna river. While doing so, "Pooja" escapes, making everyone believe that she has died by drowning and a memorial service is held for her.

Karam learns that Pari is getting married to another man and rushes to the wedding ceremony. He performs a dance as "Pooja", making Pari realise the truth. Karam talks about all the hardships he faced out of his love for Pari and to get married to her. Everyone else also arrives there and all the confusion is cleared. Karam confronts Jaipal about his classist mentality and he realises his mistake and gets Karam and Pari married in a grand ceremony.

	Score: <u>Hitesh Sonik</u>
Production company	<u>Balaji Motion Pictures</u>
Distributed by	<u>Pen Marudhar Entertainment</u>
Release date	25 August 2023
Running time	134 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹35 crore ^[2]
Box office	₹140.56 crore ^[3]

Cast

- Ayushmann Khurrana as Pooja / Karamveer "Karam" Singh, Jagjit's son
- Ananya Panday as Pari Srivastava, Karam's love interest^[10]
- Paresh Rawal as Mohammed Abu Saleem, Shah Rukh's father
- Annu Kapoor as Jagjit Singh, Karam's father

- Vijay Raaz as Saajan Tiwari alias Sona Bhai
- Rajpal Yadav as Mohammed Shoukiya, Abu's step-son
- Asrani as Yusuf Ali Salim Khan, Abu's father
- Manoj Joshi as Jaipal Srivastava, Pari's father
- Seema Pahwa as Jumani, Abu's sister
- Manjot Singh as Smiley Singh Dhillon
- Abhishek Bannerjee as Mohammed Shahrukh Saleem, Abu's son
- Sudesh Lehri as Baby Baba
- Anusha Mishra as Sakina
- Aakarsh Dutt Chaturvedi as Naveen Srivastav Paris's Brother
- Ranjan Raj as Tiger Pandey
- Dolly Singh as Tiger Pandey's sister
- Ritu Singh as Tiger Pandey's mother
- Raj Sharma as Kukki Dhillon
- Rajat Poddar as Doctor
- Javed Haider as Inspector Gopal Das
- Raj Qushal as Ali
- Raj Bhansali as Quli
- Sapna Sand as Principal

Music

The music of the film is composed by Meet Bros, Tanishk Bagchi and Arko while background score is composed by Hitesh Sonik. The first single titled "Dil Ka Telephone 2.0" was released on 10 August 2023.^[11] The second single titled "Naach" was released on 16 August 2023.^[12] The third single titled "Jamnapaar" was released on 21 August 2023.^[13]

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Dil Ka Telephone 2.0"	<u>Kumaar</u>	<u>Meet Bros</u>	Meet Bros, <u>Jonita Gandhi</u> , <u>Jubin Nautiyal</u>	5:09
2.	"Naach"	<u>Shaan Yadav</u>	<u>Tanishk Bagchi</u>	<u>Nakash Aziz</u>	2:54
3.	"Jamnapaar"	<u>Kumaar</u> , <u>Jonita Gandhi</u>	<u>Meet Bros</u>	Meet Bros, <u>Neha Kakkar</u> , <u>Maanuni Desai</u> , <u>Samaaira Chandhoke</u>	3:35
4.	"Mai Marjawangi"	<u>Rashmi Virag</u>	<u>Meet Bros</u>	Meet Bros, <u>Sunidhi Chauhan</u> ,	4:28

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Soundtrack album by <u>Meet Bros</u> , <u>Tanishk Bagchi</u> , <u>Arko</u>	
Released	25 August 2023
Recorded	2022
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
Length	19:25
Language	Hindi
Label	<u>Zee Music Company</u>
Official audio	
<u>Dream Girl 2 - Full Album</u> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PapE4GwaAU) on <u>YouTube</u>	

5. "Piya"	Arko	<u>Arko</u>	Danish Sabri Jubin Nautiyal	3:19
Total length:				19:25

Release

In September 2022, it was announced that the film was scheduled to release in theatres on 29 June 2023, which was later preponed by a week to 23 June 2023.^{[14][15]} Later the release date was changed to 7 July 2023.^[16] On 24 April 2023, the film got a new release date which is 25 August 2023.^{[17][18]}

Reception

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, *Dream Girl 2* received a rating of 8% based on 12 reviews, with an average rating of 4.7/10.^[19]

Taran Adarsh of *Bollywood Hungama* awarded the film 3.5/5 stars and wrote "*Dream Girl 2* works due to the plot, extremely funny scenes, commercial treatment, and performances."^[20]

Dhaval Roy of Time of India gave the film 2.5 out of 5 stars.^[21]

Box office

As of 5 October 2023, the film had grossed ₹124.88 crore (US\$16 million) in India, with a further ₹15.68 crore (US\$2.0 million) in overseas, for a worldwide total of ₹140.56 crore (US\$18 million).^[3]

Home media

The film was premiered on Netflix from 20 October 2023.^{[22][23]}

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