

= Santosh Subramaniam =

Santosh Subramaniam is a 2008 Indian Tamil @-@ language romantic comedy film directed by Mohan Raja and produced by Kalpathi S. Agoram . The film stars Jayam Ravi and Genelia D 'Souza in the lead roles , while Prakash Raj , Geetha and Sayaji Shinde play supporting roles . It is a remake of the Telugu film , Bommarillu (2006) . The film revolves around a father and son relationship ; the father dotes on his son , who resents the same . The son 's choices and his ambitions to achieve something in life are subdued by his father .

The film entered production in July 2007 and in addition to being shot in India , was also shot at the South Island of New Zealand . The film 's soundtrack was composed by Devi Sri Prasad , who retained the tunes he composed for Bommarillu .

Santosh Subramaniam was released on 11 April 2008 during the Tamil New Year festival . The film was positively received and commercially successful ; critics praised the performances of Ravi , D 'Souza and Prakash Raj . The film won the third prize for the Best Film at the Tamil Nadu State Film Awards of 2008 . It was nominated for four awards at the 56th Filmfare Awards South , including Best Film , Best Director , Best Actor and Best Actress , but did not win in any category .

= = Plot = =

Subramaniam is a rich business man managing his own construction company . He lives with his wife Shanthi and sons Sanjay and Santosh . Subramaniam cares for his family a lot and excessively dotes upon his children . Santosh , the younger son , does not like this as he wants to be independent free from his father ? s guidance and control . But Santosh acts normal to avoid hurting his father . Santosh has in mind that both his career and wife should be of his choice only and not of his father . Subramaniam wants Santosh to assist him in managing the company but Santosh dreams of starting a new company on his own and does not prefer to work in his father ? s company . Meanwhile , Subramaniam arranges Santosh ? s wedding with Rajeshwari , daughter of his friend Ramamoorthy . Santosh is shocked as he has no other option rather than agreeing for this wedding .

One day , Santosh meets Hasini , a college student and is immediately attracted seeing her childish attitude and jovial nature . Santosh slowly befriends Hasini and both fall in love , but he does not have the courage to inform about his love to his father . Santosh gets spotted along with Hasini by Subramaniam and now he reveals his love affair . Subramaniam is furious upon hearing this as Santosh is already engaged to Rajeshwari . Subramaniam asks Santosh to bring Hasini to his home and make her stay with them for a week so that he will make Santosh understand that Rajeshwari is the better bride for him . Santosh agrees , believing that Hasini will impress Subramaniam . Hasini lies to her father Govindan that she is going for a college trip and leaves for Santosh ? s home .

Everyone at Subramaniam ? s home view Hasini indifferently seeing her talkative nature compared to Subramaniam ? s family members who are more mature and not so talkative , especially Subramaniam . Santosh asks Hasini to try impressing his family members , fearing Subramaniam might not accept for the wedding . Slowly , Hasini starts befriending Santosh ? s mother and sisters and gets close with them . Hasini informs them about Santosh ? s behaviours such as alcohol consumption , going out at night to meet her , and also his plans of getting a bank loan to start his own company which were not known to Santosh ? s family before .

Santosh is shocked knowing that Hasini has revealed all his mischievous activities and berates her often for being childish . Hasini worries and decides to leave Santosh ? s home even before the one week time given to her . She apologises to everyone in Santosh ? s home and says that she is not the one fit for him and his family . Santosh is worried seeing this but has no option rather than staying calm as even Subramaniam did not like Hasini .

The next day , an argument erupts between Santosh and Subramaniam during which the former becomes emotional and shouts that he has lost so many small things in life because of Subramaniam . But he preferred to stay calm as he does not want to hurt his father . Subramaniam realises his mistake and apologises to everyone saying that he always wanted to take care of his

family members so well but had never thought that they are sacrificing a lot to make him happy .

Santosh meets Rajeshwari and apologises to her . He also makes her understand his situation . Rajeshwari convinces Ramamoorthy that she will get even a better groom than Santosh . Meanwhile , Subramaniam goes to meet Hasini and apologises to her . Hasini says that her father is angry on her for lying and she will have to obey her father now . But Govindan does not like Santosh as he has seen him before drinking with his friends in road . Subramaniam says that he will send Santosh to Govindan 's home for a week so that he will better understand his character . After numerous incidents between Govindan and Santosh , the former finally agrees for Santosh and Hasini 's wedding .

= = Cast = =

Jayam Ravi as Santosh Subramaniam
Genelia D 'Souza as Hasini Govindan
Prakash Raj as Subramaniam , Santosh 's father
Sayaji Shinde as Govindan , Hasini 's father
Geetha as Lakshmi , Santosh 's mother
Sadagoppan Ramesh as Sanjay , Santosh 's elder brother
Kirat Bhattal as Rajeswari , Santosh 's fiancé
Vijayakumar as Ramamoorthy , Rajeswari 's father
Santhanam as Srinivasan , Santosh 's friend
Premgi Amaren as Shekar , Santosh 's friend
M. S. Bhaskar as Kootha Perumal , Santosh 's college lecturer
Kausalya as Santosh 's sister
Satya Krishnan as Sanjay 's wife
Neelima Rani as Santhanam 's wife
Srinath as Guna , Santosh 's friend
Manobala as Bank Manager
Anu Hasan (special appearance)

= = Production = =

Despite early indications that the same team that worked on the 2006 Telugu film Bommarillu ? including director K. Vijaya Bhaskar and producer Dil Raju ? would remake the film in Tamil , the pair said they were not interested . Raju was willing to sell the remake rights and held twenty previews in Chennai for potential buyers . Editor Mohan , under his home company Jayam Combines , outbid Prakash Raj , who wanted to remake the film with Vishal in the lead role . Others outbid included Vijay , Bhagyaraj for his daughter , Saranya , and A. M. Rathnam for his son Ravi Krishna . Mohan handed the director 's role to his first son Raja , and the lead role to his second son Jayam Ravi . The film would become Raja 's fourth consecutive remake of a Telugu film . Bhaskar stated that he chose not to work on Santosh Subramaniam because he had " invested too much time and energy in its original " .

Genelia D 'Souza was chosen to play the female lead Hasini , reprising her role from the original film . Prakash Raj , who also acted in the original film , was chosen to reprise his role as the protagonist 's father and Geetha was signed to play the character 's mother . Former cricketer Sadagoppan Ramesh made his acting debut in this film , playing Santosh 's elder brother , and Sayaji Shinde was signed to play Hasini 's father . Kirat Bhattal was selected to play Santosh 's fiancée . Actors Kausalya , Santhanam , Premgi Amaren , Srinath and Sathyan , were also added to the cast . Anu Hasan makes a special appearance as a woman who Santosh converses with at the beginning , and end of the film .

Raja stated that the film would feature a " huge house " that was constructed at a cost of ? 5 million (US \$ 74 @, @ 000) and a bus with " state @-@ of @-@ the @-@ art " facilities , which was bought for ? 1 million (US \$ 15 @, @ 000) , and that they would be memorable highlights of the film

. Two songs were shot at the South Island of New Zealand . An advantage of shooting in New Zealand for the film 's crew was that they had 16 hours of sunlight on any given day . Some sequences were even shot around 9 : 30 pm under " blazing sunlight " . One song depicting the marriage of Premji Amaran 's character was shot in several temples " in and around Kumbakonam " in Tamil Nadu . According to Raja , the film was inspired by his own life : " My friend took the essence of my story and made the Telugu blockbuster , which I then remade in Tamil " .

The film had its launch on 16 July 2007 with the attendance of all the lead actors . For the inauguration function , 300 invitations by word of mouth were made . The invitation for the launch featured many successful father @-@ son duos from various fields , such as Sivaji Ganesan and Prabhu , Sivakumar and Suriya , and Sathyaraj and Sibiraj .

= = Soundtrack = =

For the film 's music and soundtrack , Raja renewed his association with Devi Sri Prasad , who predominantly used his tracks from the original film . Siddharth , the lead actor in the original , sang one of the tracks from the film . The audio of the film was released on 23 March 2008 , three weeks before the film 's release .

The soundtrack received positive response . Behindwoods rated the album 3 @.@ 5 out of 5 , calling it " Overall , a lively album all set to become a chart buster . " Rediff rated the album 3 out of 5 , and stated that " listening to Santosh Subramaniam music really gives ' santhosham ' " .

= = Release and reception = =

The satellite rights of the film were sold to Sun TV . Santosh Subramaniam was released on 11 April 2008 during the Tamil New Year festival . Despite being released during the season of the Indian Premier League , it took a big opening and enjoyed a theatrical run of 25 days due to positive critical reviews and favourable word of mouth .

The reception in the United Kingdom , comparatively for a Tamil film , was equally successful , entering the UK box office at number 40 . The film collected GB £ 10 @,@ 067 in its first week of opening and earned a cumulative gross of £ 24 @,@ 962 in its three @-@ week box office run .

Pavithra Srinivasan of Rediff gave the film a rating of two and a half out of five ; she called the film a " classy remake of the Telugu blockbuster Bommarillu (Toy @-@ house) , the movie is a love @-@ story but it strives to be something even more " . She stated that Ravi " performs with his usual flair " , D 'Souza 's character " appears a little too good to be true , at first . But her character grows on you " , and praised Prakash Raj 's performance , saying that the role " was a cakewalk " for him . Malathi Rangarajan of The Hindu praised the music , locations and the main cast 's performances , and wrote that in the film , " dull moments are rare , enjoyable ones aplenty " . IndiaGlitz said , " Hats off director Raja and Jeyam Ravi for hitting the bull 's eye for the fourth time in a row . The duo continues from where they left in Unakum Enakum to provide a feel @-@ good light @-@ hearted family entertainer sure to be enjoyed with the family . " and concluded , " Santosh Subramaniam is no doubt a film that is sure to spread santhosam (happiness) to one and all . "

Sify said D 'Souza 's portrayal is " the soul of the film " and its " biggest strength " ; the reviewer called Ravi 's performance " mature " and Prakash Raj 's " outstanding " . Behindwoods gave the film three stars out of five and called it a " well made family entertainer " . The reviewer wrote , " watch Santosh Subramaniam for that ' feel good ' feeling , overlook minor glitches " , and said that Prakash Raj is " the real master " who " proves his class yet again " . Settu Shankar of Oneindia said , " there are few minuses in the script but those are very minor and not affect the flow of the story " and concluded , " overall , Santosh Subramaniam is a promising entertainer that brings the first word of the title in every viewers mind for long time even after come out from the theatre " .

= = = Accolades = = =