

Raju Singh's surprise for buddy Hansal Mehta

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It was a familial moment for singer-composer Raju Singh when he surprised his friend of two decades, director Hansal Mehta with a cake-cutting to celebrate his birthday when Hansal and actor Rajkumar Rao came for the background score recording of City Lights to Raj Singh's Juhu studio.

Says Raju, "two nights ago, I was invited to a party to celebrate the National Award of Shahid. I reach there and realise it is Hansal's birthday party. Cake-cutting to banta tha. But I generally tend to shy away from celebrations myself. So I surprised him with a cake-cutting at home. More than me, it was my wife Sherley's idea and Hansal being an old friend, it meant a lot to all of us."

Hansal was touched. "a background score means a lot to any film. A bad one can spilit it and a good ones lend more strength to the scene. I can easily rely on Raju as I know what magic he can do to a film," enthused Hansal, enjoying the chocolate cake.

Rajkumar naturally was elated. "we have worked hard on the film. I love it when Hansal involves me in every aspect. As an actor, there is a lot of learning to do. And off course, the perks are that once in a while, you get some amazing cake to sample," he grins.

Interestingly, Raju Singh, besides composing has lent his voice to some of the most amazing songs, the recent one being from Rooh Mein... picturised on the late Farooq Sheikh for Club 60 and Zabaan Jale Hai... for Naseeruddin Shah for Dedh. Ishqiya among others.