

To: Mr. Jonathan Demme jodme2244@earthlink.net
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Mr. Demme,

Recently, during an evening spent at home with my wife and our two children I was treated to your film *The Silence of the Lambs* on Channel 4. The film is a laudable deconstruction of the criminal psychotic mind – a subject which has become increasingly popular in the urban commercial centers of India (Mumbai, New Delhi, Calcutta, etc.). My company Dekani Screen Production (LLP) is a leading player in the distribution of high quality British and American films in those very markets.

I am writing to you today to express my interest in acquiring limited Indian distribution rights for your film *The Silence of the Lambs*. I have already contacted the studio, who have provisionally agreed to our offer, with the stipulation that I gain your explicit approval, as what I am about to propose may seem strange and foreign to an American Hollywood director.

To put it simply, mainstream Indian audiences are inclined to prefer the traditional 'Bollywood' format of a 3-hour narrative interspersed with a variety of related musical numbers. Obviously your film, being an American Hollywood production made for an American audience, does not conform to our audience's preferences. However, I do not think that this cripples our project.

After researching a list of your films to date, I discovered that you have also made a musical feature, called "Stop Making Sense" starring an American singing group. I have seen part of a version of the film on Youtube and would like to propose the unique request that we intercut the musical numbers from this film with your original version of *The Silence of the Lambs* to approximate the running time and structure of the Bollywood format.

The opening song - called, I think: "Psycho Killers" - will make a perfect prologue, and the singer's voice has a flavour that will appeal to Indian viewers. Details can be worked out with the assistance of the studio. I ask you humbly to agree to my proposal, and excitedly await your reply.

Sincerely,
Rajeet Roy