



Leaps & Bounds (2015)
Liner Notes

Tracks

1. Invocation (Chaitanya Mantra)
2. Bhaja Govindam
3. Jai Hanuman
4. I Am Yours / Hare Krishna
5. Shoemaker's Son
6. A Blade of Grass
7. Train Song
8. Flowers & Death

To the Rescue — With Fiery Flames and Cool Compositions

Holey Moley and Hari Bol to our fellow Hanumaniacs!

It's a boy! We are excited to share our new, musical, bouncing baby with you. This time we're joined by our dear friend Visvambhar, so our baby has five dads — very modern. ;-)

We believe in the deep, transformative power of music to help us transcend external divisions — especially Mantra Music or Sacred Song. If you sincerely want to offer your heart and your self to the Supreme (no matter what tradition) we hope you find a home with us.

This world is a wild and wooly place and we take inspiration from Hanuman standing on the edge of the ocean. By the power of the names of Sita and Rama we too can effortlessly leap and watch that ocean of worldly fear and difficulty quickly shrink into a small puddle the size of the footprint of a calf.

With love and best wishes, The Hanumen

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An intimate and powerful journey through myriad flavors of Bhakti, with elements that range from traditional bhajans to infectious R&B grooves, vintage rockabilly to Brazilian-flavored chants and West African High Life.

We were blessed beyond belief by the gifts of the many artists who helped bring this to fruition, including Beyonce's music director and lead guitarist Bibi McGill, Grammy-winning bansuri master Steve Gorn, Orville Johnson ("Arguably the best dobro player in America," according to Folkworks magazine), drummer extraordinaire Andy Hamburger (simply one of the most simultaneously nuanced and rocking drummers ever), and Academy-Award-winning film composer, keyboardist, and percussionist John McDowell.

The Hanumen

Benjy Wertheimer - Vocals, guitar, tabla, esraj, keyboards, congas, percussion

Gaura Vani - Vocals, harmonium, guitar, cajon, shakers

John de Kadt - Spoken word, cajon, hang, frame drums, riq, shakers

Purusartha Dasa - Bass, foot tapping

Visvambhar Sheth - Vocals, mrdanga, harmonium, WaveDrum, percussion

Guest Artists

Andy Hamburger - Drums

John McDowell - Keyboards, percussion

Ben Harris - Trumpet

Bibi McGill - Electric guitar

Steve Gorn - Clarinet, soprano saxophone, bansuri

Orville Johnson - Dobro

Sean Frenette - Backing vocals

Michael Stirling - Backing vocals

Revati Prema, Kairava Anjali, and Kirtan Simha - Backing vocals

Production and Design

Gaura Vani - Co-producer

Benjy Wertheimer - Co-producer and engineer

Frank Stearns - Engineer

Dave Hanbury - Engineer

Frank Wolf - Engineer (Recording on "I Am Yours")

Rukmini Poddar - Design, layout and cover art

Purusartha Dasa - Art director and production

"Train Song" and "I Am Yours" - Lyrics and melody © 2015 Gaura Vani

English Lyrics for "Bhaja Govindam," "Shoemaker's Son," "Flowers & Death,"
"A Blade of Grass" - © 2015 John de Kadt

All other songs © 2015 The Hanumen

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