

Darbar *Festival* 2019

Dance curated by Akram Khan

in association with 

Inspired Indian music and dance

Live Music
10-13 October at
Barbican Centre



Live Dance
23-26 November at
Sadler's Wells

*"The festival that opened a
window not only on to an art
form but on to a worldview"*

The Guardian

**360 Video
Festival**
Online from
25 December



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Music, Dance, Darbar

Welcome.

Join us at the 14th annual Darbar Festival for the finest in Indian classical music and dance.

Darbar Festival was established in the memory of inspirational *tabla* player **Gurmit Singh Ji Virdee**. This autumn, we have curated an exceptional 8 day Festival with music at the Barbican Centre in October and dance curated by **Akram Khan** at Sadler's Wells in November. Darbar Festival 2019 will host long-standing legends, maestros and the best up-and-coming artists of Indian classical music and dance.

At Darbar, we believe that everyone can benefit from performances of this life-changing art form. If you have never been to an Indian classical performance, the Darbar Festival is the perfect place to discover an enchanting world of melody, rhythm and movement. Whether you're a newbie or an aficionado to this art form, come and experience some of the world's finest improvised music and choreographed dance.

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Making Indian classical music available to everyone through our digital work, this year we are delighted to be launching the **world's first 360 video festival** of music in December. With stunning scenery, sounds of India and a high quality VR experience, you can enjoy these concerts anytime and anywhere using a VR headset or smartphone. Sign up to our newsletter to find out more.

Let us introduce you to, or deepen your experience of, some of the finest improvised music and dance in the world. Trust me, you'll be smitten!

Sandeep Virdee OBE
Artistic Director
Darbar Arts Culture and
Heritage Trust

*Introducing
Darbar's Dance curator
Akram Khan*

Darbar Festival's exceptional Indian classical dance programme at Sadler's Wells is curated by acclaimed dancer and choreographer, **Akram Khan MBE**, together with assistant curator **Mavin Khoo**.

Discover classical Indian tales told through the body with world-class dancers accompanied on stage by live musicians.



“Indian dance has the power to entrance the uninitiated. There's something universal about narratives from ancient Indian history – the grand themes, the shared myths, the flawed deities”

Akram Khan

**In Loving Memory
Bhai Gurmit Singh Ji Virdee
1937-2005**



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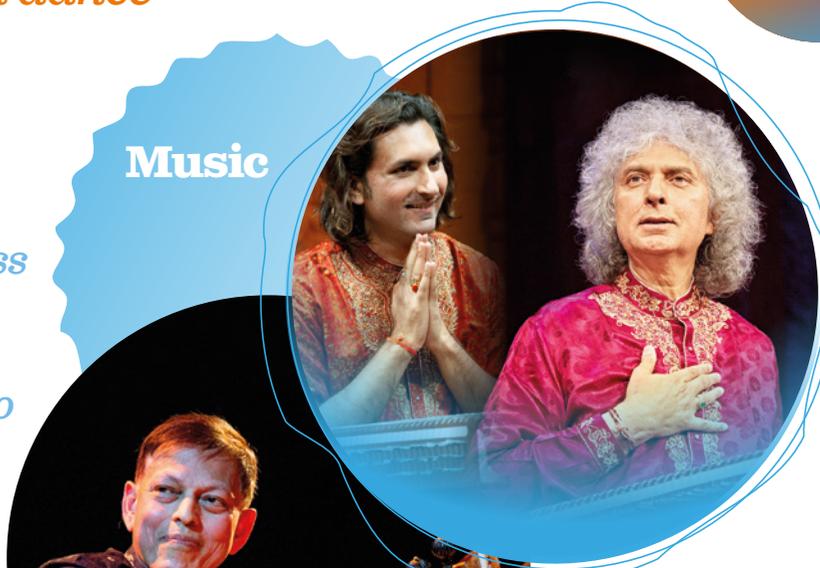
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“Music that creates spiritual bliss is the essence of this art form. Once, I played one raga, while the listeners immersed deep into meditation and I experienced a state of thoughtlessness. This silence was so nourishing, so fulfilling, there was no need to play anything else”

Music



Pandit Shivkumar Sharma



Live Music
10-13 October at Barbican Centre

Indian Music Appreciation Course

Saturday 5 October and
Sunday 6 October, 10:00

DOUBLE
BILL

Kala Ramnath + Tabla Grooves

Thursday 10 October 18:30

DOUBLE
BILL

Sudha Ragunathan + Sarod Duet

Friday 11 October, 18:30

Yogabliss to live music

YOGA SESSION

Saturday 12 October, 12:00
and Sunday 13 October, 09:15

*Morning Bliss with
Gundecha Brothers*

Saturday 12 October, 10:00

Afternoon Sarangi Soul

Saturday 12 October, 14:00

DOUBLE
BILL

*Manjiri Asnare-Kelkar &
Jayanth Flute*

Saturday 12 October, 18:30

*The Mighty Tanpura(s) by
Gundecha Brothers*

LECTURE DEMONSTRATION

Sunday 13 October, 12:00

Women in Indian Classical Music

PANEL DISCUSSION

Sunday 13 October, 14:30

DOUBLE
BILL

*Pandit Budhaditya Mukherjee +
Pandit Shivkumar duet with*

Rahul Sharma

Sunday 13 October, 17:30

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Dance



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“What I love about Darbar is you feel you are getting the best. There’s something magical going on that you might never understand, but is a treat to be part of. It is relaxed and never intimidating”

Songlines Magazine

Live Dance

23-26 November at Sadler’s Wells

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Padam and Javali:

Twin elements of Love

Swapnasundari

Saturday 23rd November, 19:00

Stories of Thumris

Nahid Siddiqui

Sunday 24 November, 19:00

Chakardar: Power of Rhythm

FREE FOYER EVENT

Monday 25 November, 18:00

Mavin Khoo & Temple of Fine Arts

Monday 25 November, 19:30

Raga Room’s Veena, Violin & Venu

FREE FOYER EVENT

Tuesday 26 November, 18:00

Madhavi Mudgal’s Vistar

Tuesday 26 November, 19:30



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The world’s first 360 video festival of music. See next page for more details.



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Darbar 360 Festival *the world's first 360 video* *festival of music.*



Ever wondered what it's like to sit beside a world-class artist in scenic India?

We travelled to India with the latest 360 equipment and filmed over fifty intimate performances in pristine 8K quality in stunning landscapes. Be transported to magical Mulshi Lake in Maharashtra for inspired music framed by jaw dropping sunrises and sunsets.

With Darbar 360 we can bring the festival to you and taking it to its digital and immersive heights. Using VR headsets or your smartphone, you can enjoy these fantastic morning, afternoon and evening *ragas* anywhere.

Artists featured include:

Kaushiki Chakraborty, Manjiri Asnare-Kelkar, Manjusha Patil, Purbayan Chatterjee, Ustad Bahauddin Dagar, Anupama Bhagwat, Ayansen Gupta, Shashank Subramanyan, Abhisehek Borkar, Pratik Shrivastava, Pelva Naik, Debjit Patitundi and Parupalli Phalgun.

A special 360 video of **Akram Khan** and **Mavin Khoo** choreographing emerging dancers from Darbar Festival 2018 is also featured.

Online launch date: 25 December 2019

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