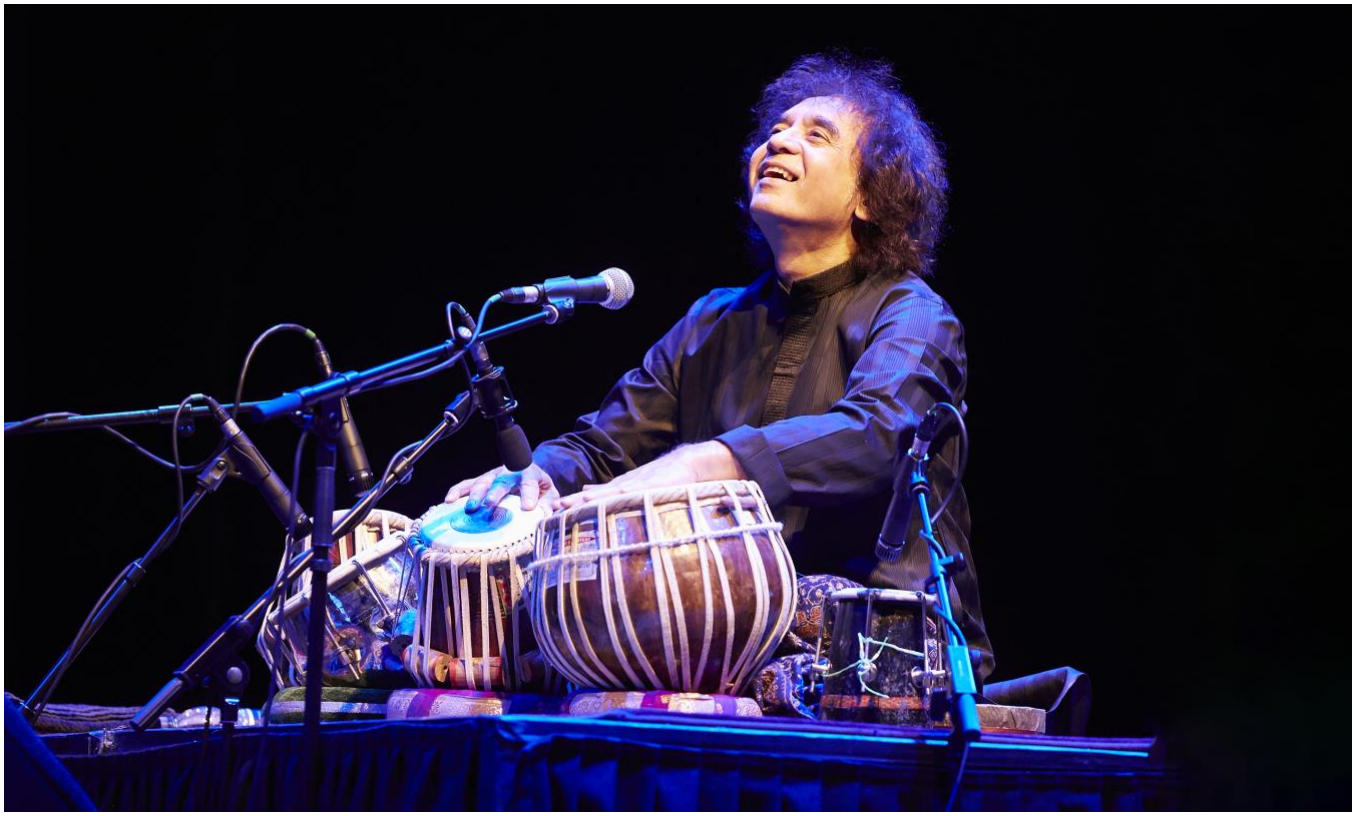
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ZAKIR HUSSAIN LIVE IN BRISTOL - CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT 23RD NOVEMBER 2021 AT ST. GEORGES BRISTOL

Grammy winner Zakir Hussain's legendary tabla playing is one of the great contributions to contemporary music.



We are delighted to announce a **Bristol concert** with iconic tabla player Zakir Hussain **on 23rd November 2021** at **St George's Bristol.**

This concert, produced and presented by Bristol based **Asian Arts Agency**, is a rare opportunity for music fans to see a living legend live on stage in Bristol.

Zakir Hussain's extraordinary career has played a prominent role in raising the visibility of tabla players at an international scale. One of the world's most esteemed and influential musicians, Zakir's contribution has been unique through his spellbinding accompaniment, solo performance and genre-defying collaborations – including his pioneering work to develop dialogue between North and South Indian musicians.

A child prodigy, Zakir's professional career began at the age of 12. He was trained by his father, the renowned tabla player **Ustad Allarakha**, who frequently accompanied legendary sitar player **Ravi Shankar**.

Zakir Hussain is a complete virtuoso and his career is a roll call of highlights. He played with Ravi Shankar and **Ali Akbar Khan.** He then made his name from a series of extraordinary cross-genre collaborations with the likes of **John McLaughlin** in the great acoustic group **Shakti** and **Mickey Hart** from the **Grateful Dead**.

For this concert Zakir will be accompanied by three musicians prominent in their respective fields: **Marcus Gilmore**, **Abbos Kosimov** and **Sabir Khan**.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Zakir Hussain's accolades include the **Grammy Award** and the **Ratna Sadasya**, **Sangeet Natak Akademi's** most prestigious honour. He was **awarded SF Jazz's Lifetime Achievement Award** in recognition of his **"*unparalleled contribution to the world of music*".**

BRISTOL CONCERT DATE

23 November 2021 St George's Bristol

LINE UP

Zakir Hussain (Tabla)

Marcus Gilmore (Drums) is a **multi-Grammy Award winning** drummer/composer. He has performed and recorded with some of the finest musicians in the world such as **Chick Corea**, **Pharoah Sanders**, **Savion Glover** & **Pat Metheny**.

Abbos Kosimov (Doyra and Uzbek Percussion) is winner of the Competition of Percussion Instruments of Central Asia and Kazakhstan. His work includes performing with **Omar Sosa** and recording with **Stevie Wonder**.

Sabir Khan (Sarangi) is known for his mastery of the sarangi. He has performed with iconic artists including **Pt. Kumar Bose**, **Ustad Gulam Ali** and **Asha Bhosle**.

Jaswinder Singh, Director of Asian Arts Agency, said of Zakir Hussain:

"We are really pleased to welcome and host one of the greatest tabla players to perform in Bristol. Zakir Hussain has wowed audiences all over the world with his stunning and breath-taking tabla playing style over many decades. Whether it is Indian Classical music or contemporary music collaborations, Zakir has a magical ability to create memorable experiences for audiences.

This is a rare opportunity for Bristol and South West area audiences to witness Zakir Hussain performing live in Bristol. As we know, Covid 19 pandemic has resulted in cancellations of majority of live events, therefore we are really delighted to present this concert, which will provide a wonderful experience for everyone involved."

Event Link

Online link for image

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Notes to the editors:

Asian Arts Agency is a dynamic music and arts development agency based in Bristol that develops, promotes and supports international contemporary and traditional South Asian music and arts through performances, workshops, new commissions, tours, film screenings, new productions and artist development activity.

Asian Arts Agency has worked with many world-class artists including Amjad Ali Khan, Niladri Kumar, Anoushka Shankar, Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwals, Gurdass Mann, Malkit Singh MBE, Harshdeep Kaur, Roopa Panesar, The Dhol Foundation, Susheela Raman, Transglobal Underground and Talvin Singh.

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