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GRAMMY AWARD WINNER VISHWA MOHAN BHATT
with Subhen Chatterjee



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– Acoustic Guitar Magazine

We are delighted to present **a national UK Tour** with **GRAMMY Award winner Vishwa Mohan Bhatt** with accompaniment by globally renowned percussionist, **Subhen Chatterjee**.

The concerts will take place at **7 venues across the UK** including **Southbank Centre (London), St George's Bristol, MAST (Southampton), SAGE Gateshead, The National Centre for Early Music (York), Borough Theatre (Abergavenny)** and **Strode Theatre (Somerset)**.

*UK Tour presented by **Asian Arts Agency**.*

3 CENTURIES OF MUSICAL LINEAGE

Vishwa Mohan Bhatt hails from an intrinsically musical family from Jaipur, Rajasthan that has performed **Indian classical music for more than 3 centuries**. An **international cultural ambassador of Indian music, Vishwa Mohan** firmly established his instrument within the sphere of mainstream Indian classical music through his outstanding musicianship.

GRAMMY AWARD WINNER

Vishwa Mohan has performed in **more than 80 countries** and across numerous prestigious venues and festivals including **Eric Clapton's Cross Road's Guitar Festival**. He has recorded numerous albums and was awarded the **GRAMMY** for his album **A Meeting by the River** with **Ry Cooder** (1993).

The Indian Government awarded **Vishwa Mohan** the prestigious **Padma Bhushan**, **Padma Shri** and **Sangeet Natak Academy**.

NEW INVENTION, THE MOHAN VEENA

His new invention, the **Mohan Veena**, is a modified version of the steel guitar which blends the Hawaiian slide guitar with traditional Indian sitar, sarod, and vina techniques.



SUBHEN CHATTERJEE

Subhen Chatterjee's tabla playing style is based on the **Lucknow gharana**, one of the six main tabla styles of Indian classical music. He was taught was by the illustrious tabla maestro **Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri**.

Uniquely, **Subhen Chatterjee** learned the intricacies of other gharanas and has thus incorporated this into his playing style.

Over the last four decades **Subhen Chatterjee** has accompanied musical legends including **Pandit Bhimsen Joshi**, **Vidushi Girija Devi** and **Pandit Jasraj**.

PRESS QUOTES

Vishwa Mohan Bhatt

*"**One of the greatest and most expressive slide players in the world."*** – Acoustic Guitar Magazine

"Vishwa Mohan Bhatt is the king of Slide guitar (Mohan Veena)" – Boston Globe (U.S.A.)

Subhen Chatterjee

"Mind blowing …… excelled in solo improvisations." – The Statesman

"A great performer …… very pleasing personality on stage." – Washington Post

Jaswinder Singh, **Director of Asian Arts Agency**, said of **Vishwa Mohan Bhatt**

"We are delighted to present a UK Tour with iconic slide guitar maestro Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Subhen Chatterjee on tabla. It's a long time since Vishwa Mohan toured the UK. This is a unique opportunity for UK audiences to experience live music from one of the most talented slide guitarists in the world. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt is legendary in the slide guitar and Indian music world. His Grammy-winning album "A Meeting By The River" with Ry Cooder made a huge impact within the world music sphere. Having Subhen Chatterjee join this tour is wonderful and we are excited to present this combined musicianship."

TOUR DATES

20 May SAGE Gateshead
22 May NCEM York
23 May Borough Theatre, Abergavenny
25 May MAST Mayflower Studios, Southampton
28 May Southbank Centre, QEH, London
1 June St George's Bristol
4 June Strode Theatre Somerset

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Notes to the editors:

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

Asian Arts Agency has worked with many world-class artists including Talvin Singh, Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali, Roopa Panesar, DJ Rekha, Malkit Singh, Niladri Kumar, Gurdass Mann, The Dhol Foundation, Jazzy B, Susheela Raman, Anoushka Shankar, Transglobal Underground, and Zakir Hussain.

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