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World Class Indian Artist set to thrill Doha Audience

The Embassy of India, in association with the ICC Advisory Council, is organising a sitar concert on 18th Oct 2019 at 1900 PM at Katara Drama Theater, by the famous Grammy Awarded Nominee sitarist Shri Shujaat Husain Khan.

The Maestro's musical career began at the age of three when he began practicing on a specially made small sitar. By the age of six, he was recognized as a child prodigy and began giving public performances. Shujaat Khan has performed at all the prestigious music festivals in India and has performed throughout Asia, Africa, North America, and Europe. Audiences around the world are captivated by his unique style of sitar playing, his exceptional voice, and his intuitive and spontaneous approach to rhythm.

“ We are glad that, as part of celebrations of India Qatar Year of Culture 2019, we are able to host an artist of his stature and talent. I am sure his performance will captivate the Doha audience, which is known to appreciate class and master artistry” said Shri P Kumaran, the Ambassador of India to Qatar.

“We are happy that ICC Advisory Council could chip in with this program to support the Embassy in its effort to bring in world class Indian artists to Qatar as part of IQYOC celebrations” said KM Varghese the Chairman of the Council.

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About the artist

Shujaat Husain Khan is one of the greatest North Indian classical musicians of his generation. He belongs to the Imdad Khan gharana of the sitar and his style of playing sitar, known as the gayaki ang, is imitative of the subtleties of the human voice.

Shujaat Khan's musical pedigree extends seven generations. He is the son and disciple of the great sitarist Ustad Vilayat Khan, and his grandfather, Ustad Inayat Khan. His great-grandfather, Ustad Imdad Khan, and his great-great-grandfather, Ustad Sahebdad Khan, were all leading artists of their respective generations.

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In 1999, Khan performed as a soloist with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and in 2007, he was the featured artist at musical concerts celebrating India's 50th anniversary of independence at Carnegie Hall in New York, Paramount Theatre in Seattle, and Meyers Symphony Theater in Dallas. Khan was also the sole artist representing India in a special performance at the United Nations General Assembly Hall in Geneva commemorating India's independence the same year. Alongside his many notable performances, Khan has been a regularly featured artist at prestigious concert halls including Royal Albert Hall in London, Royce Hall in Los Angeles, and Congress Hall in Berlin.

Shujaat Khan has also collaborated with different genres of music. The Rain, an album featuring Shujaat Khan and an international ensemble, was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2004 for "Best Traditional World Music Album".

In January 2000, the Boston Herald listed Khan's concert, along with luminaries like Seiji Ozawa and Luciano Pavarotti, as one of the top 25 upcoming cultural events for the year. Additionally, among the numerous awards and international recognition he has received, Khan's Lost Songs of the Silk Road was honored on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)'s "The 100 Greatest World Music Albums of All Time" list in August 2009.

In 2010, Shujaat Khan worked with Asha Bhosle in releasing 'Naina Lagai Ke'. The two performed in sell-out concerts at Royal Festival Hall in London, and at concerts in Birmingham and Leicester. Their album was selected as a "Top Ten Best New Album

Release" by the editor of Songlines Magazine and was featured in the magazine's exclusive "Top of the World CD" in 2011.

Shujaat Khan has been invited as visiting faculty at the Dartington School of Music in England, the University of Washington in Seattle, and the University of California, Los Angeles. He has more than 100 CD releases on a variety of international labels, as well as a video called KHANDAN.

More information is available at:-

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