

ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT | QAWWALI

SHAHZAD ALI KHAN

Qawwal, composer and the lead voice of The Night of Song

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THE NIGHT OF SONG REEL

DIGITAL FIDELITY STUDIOS | LAHORE, PAKISTAN

01 ABOUT

A QAWWAL OF THE LIVING TRADITION

Shahzad Ali Khan is a qawwal from Shahdara, Lahore, born into a family that has dedicated close to six decades to devotional qawwali. He learned the form from his father, the renowned Mohammad Boota Khan Qawal, and refined it under the guidance of Faiz Ali Faiz Khan.

His voice is robust and emotionally direct, built for the long, rising improvisations at the heart of qawwali. Seated at the centre of his party, he leads the harmonium, handclaps and chorus with a commanding, magnetic stage presence.

After his father's passing he carried the family's work forward as a lead qawwal in his own right, performing across Pakistan at festivals and concert stages. Today he is the lead vocalist of The Night of Song, Mekaal Hasan's live reimagining of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's final album.





02 PROFILE

HERITAGE, TRAINING AND CRAFT

BASED IN	Shahdara, Lahore, Pakistan
TRADITION	Qawwali and Sufi devotional music
LINEAGE	A qawwal family with close to six decades in devotional music
TRAINING	His father, Mohammad Boota Khan Qawal, and Faiz Ali Faiz Khan
CURRENT ROLE	Lead vocals, The Night of Song
AS COMPOSER	Tobah (Rivayat, 2023) and the new verses and antara of Ni Saiyon
FIRST FOR RIVAYAT	The first artist to record for Mekaal Hasan's Rivayat series

03 THE HEADLINE SHOWCASE

THE VOICE OF THE NIGHT OF SONG

WATCH THE HIGHLIGHT REEL

The Night of Song is Mekaal Hasan's live reimagining of Night Song, the 1996 album Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan recorded with Canadian producer Michael Brook. It was the one Nusrat album he never truly performed live, released only months before his passing. Shahzad Ali Khan leads the production as its lead vocalist, carrying Nusrat's compositions with the depth of his qawwali training.

The concert was recorded live at the Alhamra Cultural Complex, Lahore, on 16 August 2024, the anniversary of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's death, and released as a live album on 31 May 2026. The production has been presented at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto and anchors a North America concert tour planned for 2027 in collaboration with the Aga Khan Museum.



04 COMPOSER

NEW VERSES IN AN OLD TRADITION

Shahzad Ali Khan writes as well as he sings. On Ni Saiyon, only the opening line had ever been released in Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's original. Shahzad composed the new verses and antara that complete the song, written so naturally inside the tradition that they sit beside Nusrat's own line as if they had always been there.

NI SAIYON | THE NIGHT OF SONG

Chorus and asthai composed by Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. Verses and antaras composed by Shahzad Ali Khan.

TOBAH | RIVAYAT, 2023

Composed by Shahzad Ali Khan. A qawwali on the trials of love, the first song recorded for Mekaal Hasan's Rivayat series, released in January 2023 with guest musicians from the United Kingdom and France.

WATCH NI SAIYON

LISTEN TO TOBAH





05 WATCH AND LISTEN

THE NIGHT OF SONG, LED BY SHAHZAD ALI KHAN

01 Ni Saiyon
The Night of Song | Live
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

02 Tere Bin
The Night of Song | Live
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

03 Sun Yaara
The Night of Song | Live
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

04 Shaman Paiyan
The Night of Song | Live
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

05 Tu Mera Dil
The Night of Song | Live
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

06 Sanson Ki Mala
The Night of Song | Live
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

Official Highlight Reel
The Night of Song in performance
WATCH ON YOUTUBE

Tobah
Composed and sung by Shahzad Ali Khan | Rivayat
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ON RECORD

> Mirrored Nusrat's tenor and tone powerfully and effortlessly.”

MADEEHA SYED, DAWN ICON, 1 FEBRUARY 2026

“A celebrated Qawwali artist”

AGA KHAN MUSEUM, ARTIST PROFILE

“A distinctive and robust voice”

WORLD MUSIC CENTRAL, MAY 2023



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Press photos in full resolution, the intro film and additional performance footage are available on request.