

A Unique double bill featuring

USTAD GHULAM ALI – THE MASTER OF GHAZAL

PANDIT BIRJU MAHARAJ

PANDITS RAJAN AND SAJAN MISRA

&

KUMAR BOSE on tabla

DATE: SUNDAY 22nd JULY 2007 at 7.15pm

VENUE: THE BARBICAN, LONDON

The Asian Music Circuit (AMC) is UK's leading company producing tours and concerts for music from Asia with an excellent reputation for creating innovative and entertaining artistic productions of the highest musicianship.

USTAD GHULAM ALI is one of the greatest singers of a SUFI song form called GHAZAL with its beautiful poetry. He is one of the biggest names in this field and evokes all of the best of traditional styles and blends them uniquely with his contemporary approach to create a truly wonderful experience of timeless beauty. Ustad Ghulam Ali trained under the guidance of his father and later with the legendary Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Bade Mubarak Ali and Barkat Ali and he has been one of the major ambassadors forging bridges between India and Pakistan. Ghulam Ali will be accompanied by tabla, keyboard, violin and guitar.

PT BIRJU MAHARAJ and indeed his whole family lineage is synonymous with the great dance style of *KATHAK*. The *KALKA-BINDADIN* Gharana of Lucknow has been the leading tradition of dance for centuries. Birju Maharaj's superb control of rhythm, grace as a dancer, superb singing, creativity, integrity and authenticity – all combine to make him one of the greatest dancers of our time.

PTS RAJAN & SAJAN MISRA are recognised today as India's leading singers of *KHYAL*. It is difficult to find enough superlatives to describe this wonderful duo, recently awarded the prestigious PADMA BHUSHAN award by the Indian Government. Incredible technique, superb intonation and fine aesthetic sense make their performances interesting, exciting and innovative.

Accompanying on tabla, the brilliant and dynamic **PT KUMAR BOSE** and **JAIKISHAN MAHARAJ** (Birju Maharaj's son) on the pakhawaj.

This is the first time that the Misra brothers and Pt Birju Maharaj have ever performed together in the UK, they have performed their own solo tours several times.

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