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USTAD GHULAM ALI – master of *ghazal*



Time and tide stand still when Ustad Ghulam Ali occupies centre stage and unlocks the eternity of emotions that run through his exquisite rendering of the *ghazal*. Ghulam Ali is probably one of the biggest names in the music of the South Asian sub-continent and is one of the pioneers responsible for reviving the beautiful style of *ghazal* in the seventies

GHAZAL has its origins in the devotional of the **SUFI** shrines but has today become a very popular urban stage art form. **Ustad Ghulam Ali** was born in Sialkot district in 1940 prior to partition into a family of musicians: his father was a singer and a *sarangi* player from whom he received his initial training. Later he had a brief period under the legendary Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Bade Mubarak Ali and Barkat Ali. He **rose to fame** once he started to perform for Radio Lahore in 1960. His unique style is founded in classical music, a strong understanding and knowledge of poetry, a beautiful voice, imagination and creativity. Ustad Ghulam Ali has been one of the major ambassadors trying to **forge bridges** across the border between India and Pakistan and he is admired equally in both countries, with a huge following all over the world. Accompanied on tabla, violin, Spanish guitar and keyboard.

Notes to the Editor:

TUE 31 MAY 7.45pm	LONDON Queen Elizabeth Hall	Box Office 08703 800 400
WED 1 JUNE 7.30pm	BIRMINGHAM Symphony Hall	Box Office 0121 780 3333
THU 2 JUNE 7.45pm	BASINGSTOKE The Anvil	Box Office 01256 844244
SAT 4 JUNE 7.30pm	MIDDLESBOROUGH Town Hall	Box Office 01642 729 729
MON 6 JUNE 7.30pm	NOTTINGHAM Royal Concert Hall	Box Office 0115 989 5555

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