

## Forthcoming events



### Nritta - *The language of Dance*

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Seven Arts Centre, Leeds

Time: 7.30pm

£9/£5/£28 group of 4 adults/£20 family/£3 SAA-uk Academy

Reservation: 0113 244 5523

Online booking: [ticketsource.co.uk/saauk](http://ticketsource.co.uk/saauk)



### Sunset Song – *The three grandmasters meet*

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Time: 7.45pm

Venue: The Howard Assembly Room

Ticket: £10/£9/£7

Box Office: 08448482727

Online booking: [www.howardassemblyroom.co.uk](http://www.howardassemblyroom.co.uk)



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## About SAA-uk

### Our Mission is:

**'To enrich the lives of people through Classical and Contemporary South Asian Music and Dance'**

SAA-uk (South Asian Arts-uk) is dynamic registered charity based in Leeds, committed to making South Asian arts more readily available through working collaboratively and by nurturing partnerships through our performance, community and consultancy programme.

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Concert Series



# PROGRAMME

## A Touch of Sufi Soul

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013



Featuring: **Shahid Abbas** - Vocals  
**Upneet Singh** - Percussion  
**Sunil Jadav** - Harmonium



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### About SAA-uk Concert Series

February is one that is associated with love and for thousands of years minstrels from all around the world have sung couplets of poetry and verses that describe 'Divine Love' in song. This is the basis of **Sufi music** which is devotional and inspired by the works of Sufi poets, like Rumi, Hafiz, Bulleh Shah and Khwaja Ghulam Farid. Shahid who is a great admirer of Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan hopes to share his love for music and inspire the listeners when he adds a touch of soul to his repertoire.

Shahid Abbas is a young and up and coming vocalist based in London, and a disciple of **Ustad Hussain Baksh Gulu**. During this evening Shahid along with his fellow musicians look forward to transporting you, the audience, to the realm of divine love and understanding, with his deep, passionate voice.

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1. **Allah hoo Allah hoo**(Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan)
2. **Saawal Mor Muhaaran** (Thumri- poet and composer- Khwaja Ghulam Farid in Rāg Sindhi Bhairvi)
3. **Khuli jo aankh** (Mehdi Hassan classical Ghazal)- Farhat Shahzad, composer and Singer: Mehdi Hassan, Rāg Bhankār
4. **Hosh walo ko khabar kya bekhudi kya cheez hai** (Ghazal by Jagjit Singh)
5. **Mere shok da nayee** (Ghulam Ali Punjabi ghazal)- Composer: M. Ashraf poet: originally in Farsi by Mirza Ghalib, translated into Punjabi by Ghulaam Mustafa Tabassum
6. **Soniye je tere naal**(Another beautiful Punjabi Geet by Ustad Hussain Buksh Guulu).
7. **Jeewan** (A song from his album Heartfelt)
8. **Ain't No Sunshine** (An English number from his album)
9. **Aavo Sayo ral Deyo Wadhaayee** (Shafqat Amanat Ali Tabeer Album).
10. **Piya haji ali**
11. **Khwaja mere khwaja**
12. **Assa ishq namaz** (Abida Parween - Bulleh Shah Kalaam).
13. **Dam must kalandar mast** (Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan).
14. **Mahi yaar di ghroli** (Abida Parween)
15. **O lal meri pat**

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### About the Artists:



**Shahid Abbas Khan**, is born and bred in London, comes from a family of renowned tabla players and classical singers from the 'Patiala Gharana' based in Pakistan. He started singing from the age of three and from the age of ten started receiving singing lessons from Pandit Vishwa Prakash and Rauf Mehndi. Shahid's Guru from the age of 16 was and remains Ustad Hussain Baksh Gulu. Shahid's biggest influence has

been Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.

His recent appearance in BBC's **Goldie's Band** earned him International recognition during his documented journey from auditioning for the band to performing his own written song in front of Prince Harry at Buckingham Palace.



**Upneet Singh** is a gifted, young Tabla player who began learning at the tender age of 5. He is from a musical family and was born and brought up in England.

He has learnt from many maestros and has become a disciple of the late Pt Sharda Sahai of the Benaras tradition. Upneet has performed in many prestigious venues across the UK. Upneet has been a key member of the national South Asian music orchestras

SAMYO and Tarang, and has been involved with many projects both as a soloist and as part of an ensemble combining music from all around the world.



**Sunil Jadav** is a humble musician who has accompanied many world renowned artists of both classical and popular music. Sunil has a large repertoire and specialises in providing accompaniment on harmonium. His last visit to Leeds was with Shaheen Khan in 2010 and for the Solstice Festival in 2012.