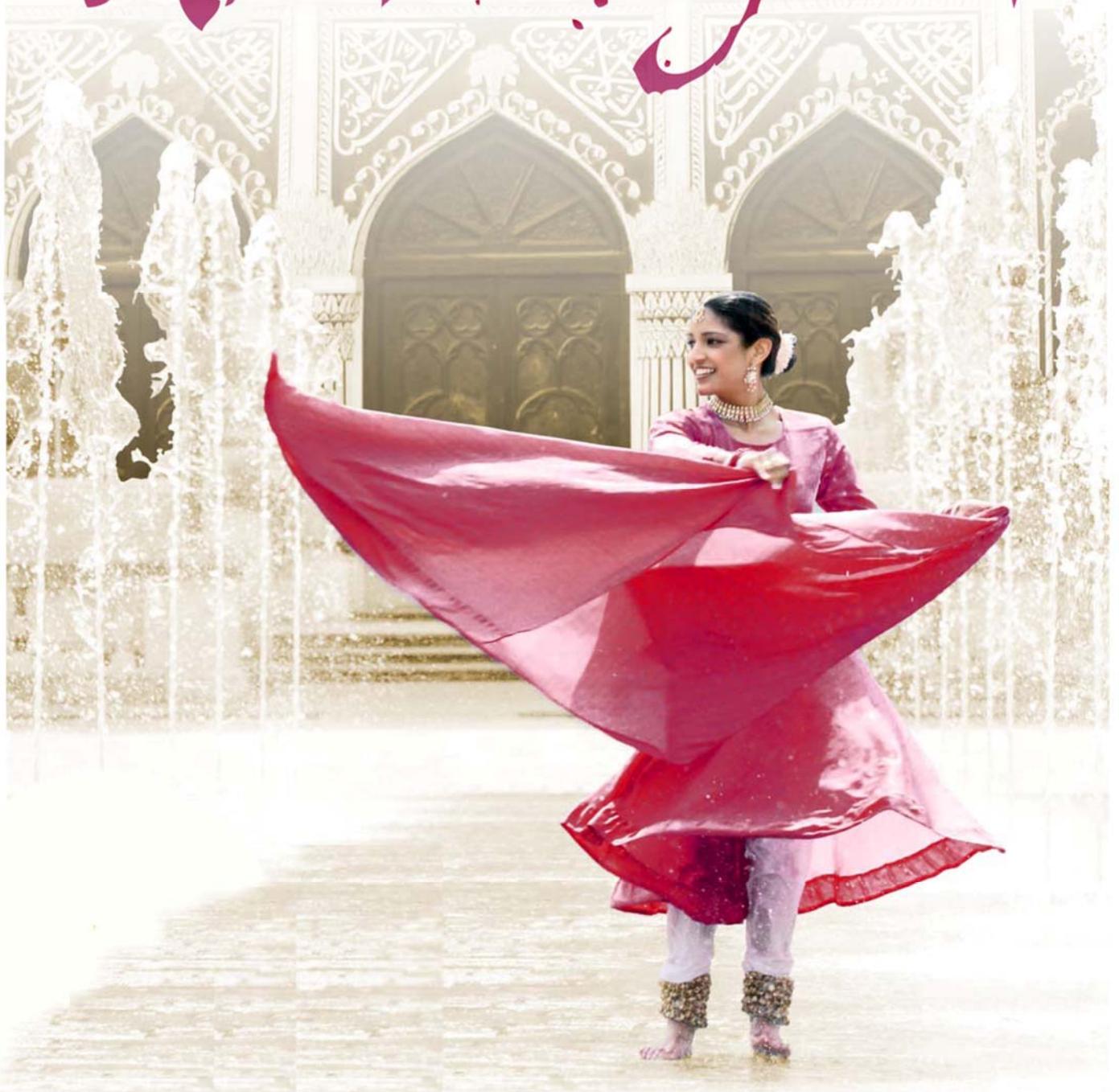


# Umrab Jaan



*5th June 2015*

*In aid of Akādemī's  
community programmes*

**Akādemi**  
SOUTH ASIAN DANCE UK

On behalf of the Patrons, Trustees and staff of Akademi, I would like to welcome you to what promises to be a magical evening - our gala performance of Umrao Jaan. We are delighted to present this event in the beautiful garden setting of Hyver Hall and we extend our very special thanks to H S and Surina Narula MBE for their generous hospitality and sponsorship of the evening. In welcoming you, I also encourage you to be as generous as possible in helping us to raise funds for Akademi's community and education programmes which engage with a wide range of participants both young and old. Please support us generously with your donations and auction bids and help us to make our gala a real success.

**Best Wishes,**

**Paul Parashar**  
**Chairman, Akademi Board of Trustees**

Welcome to Akademi's first ever fundraising gala: a 'Living Bollywood' immersive experience inspired by the story of Umrao Jaan. I hope this event will create a lasting memory for our guests, encouraging you to engage more with Akademi's work and inspiring you to support our education and community work. Your generous support will provide the funds that will allow us to invest further in the education programmes that make a real difference to the communities we serve and which are most in need of our help.

**Regards and Warm Wishes,**

**Mira Kaushik OBE**  
**Director, Akademi**

Taking part in supporting Akademi came to me with ease since dancing has always been my passion. Being able to host the stunning garden gala performance of Umrao Jaan is a great honour for me and I am delighted to do this at my very own home in aid of Akademi's community programmes. These community programmes have been of utter importance in terms of increasing creativity, confidence, community ties and awareness of South Asian culture all over the UK. Acting as a Patron has become vital to me due to the sensational positive impact that Akademi is having on so many lives and will hopefully, with the help of all of us, continue to enhance the lives of many people through their work.

**Regards,**

**Surina Narula MBE**

In the exquisite surroundings of the historic Hyver Hall, you will experience an evening of 19th Century Mughal splendour, love and poetry as the story of Umrao Jaan is brought to life through live performance, music, tableaux and storytelling by Akademi, the UK's leading South Asian Dance organisation.

Set against the backdrop of mid-19th Century Oudh, the story begins as Umrao Jaan, the famous poetess and courtesan of Lucknow, makes her debut performance. This evening traces the tale of this young kidnapped village girl who grows up to become a mesmerising beauty, encapsulating the joy of being in love as well as the inevitable twists and turns that accompany it.

**Akademi is a pioneering, progressive arts organisation that enhances the practice, understanding and appreciation of South Asian dance in the UK. Since 1979, Akademi has been taking South Asian dance into unconventional spaces, re-defining the parameters of the art form itself.**

## Programme

7:00 - 8:00 pm

### Reception

Welcome & drinks reception.

8:00 pm

### Dinner

The best of traditional Mughal cuisine served in the Lucknow Bazaar.

8:45 pm

### Performance

Umrao Jaan's debut performance on the Main Stage.

9:00 pm

### Auction

Our patron Nina Nannar hosts the fundraising auction. Please refer to auction insert for auction items.

9:45 pm

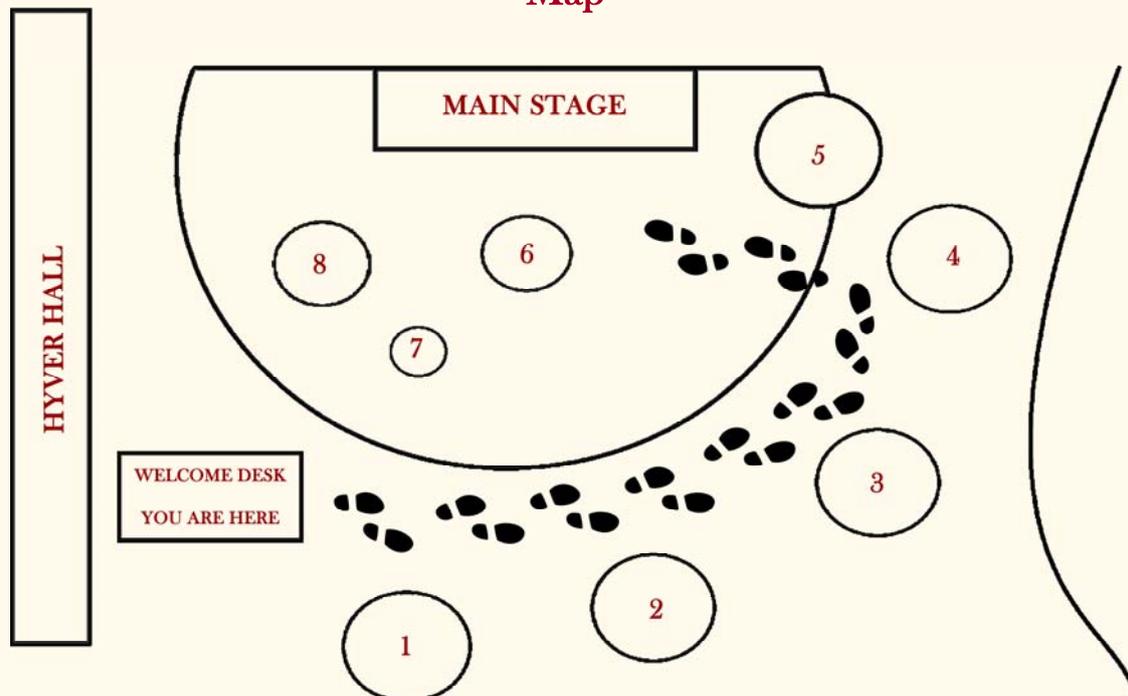
### Grand Finale

The grand finale of the Umrao Jaan Gala.

11:00 pm

### Carriages

## Map



### KEY

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Welcome from Gauhar Mirza | 5. Mehndi Mehfil                 |
| 2. Hidden Beauties           | 6. The Illusionist - Neel Madhav |
| 3. Dreaming by the Lake      | 7. The Writer: Mirza Hadi Ruswa  |
| 4. Blossoming of Courtesans  | 8. Mushaira                      |

Look out for a Young Umrao Jaan with the Kidnappers, the Robber - Faiz Ali and Anarkali the Eunuch.

**CONCEPT** • Mira Kaushik •

**ARTISTIC CONSULTANT** • Mamta Gupta • Hilal Fareed •

**DIRECTOR** • Subhaluxmi Mukherjee •

**CAST** • Adnan Kapadia • Ahsan Zafar Zaidi • Ankita Sud • Anshika Kulshreshtha • Arunima Kumar • Bhavisha Mehta • Bineeta Mitra • Hilal Fareed • Hina Baxi • Isha Mehta • Jasvinder Kaur • Jesal Patel • Krupa Vek • Mustafa Ali Khan • Nikhil Kaushik • Parbati Chaudhuri • Raheem Mir • Rifat Shameem • Saloni Saraf • Sarah George • Seema Anand • Serafina Salvador • Shivani Sethia • Shivani Singhania • Shreeya Parulekar • Sonia Chandaria • Subarna Chawla • Suhani Kapoor • Sujata Sethia • Tarini Anand • Utkarsh Sinha •

**MUSIC** • Anil Sandhu (Tabla) • Mehboob Nadeem (Sitar) • Uday Singh (Dilruba) •

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**PHOTOGRAPHY** • Simon Richardson •

**AUCTION** • Nina Nannar •

**ILLUSIONIST** • Neel Madhav •

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