







Saturday | February 25 | 3pm Multicultural Arts Center, East Cambridge

> Celebrity Series of Boston and Boston City Singers present a Neighborhood Arts performance

# Soundscapes of India Sandeep Das & Suhail Yusuf Khan with Boston City Singers

## Boston City Singers (BCS) BCS February Arts Camp participants Jaime Alberts, Emma Greenough, Wendy Silverberg, conductors

## Solos and duets by Sandeep Das tabla Suhail Yusuf Khan sarangi, vocals

# Grand finale with Sandeep Das, Suhail Yusuf Khan, BCS February Arts Camp participants

Today's program will run approximately 75 minutes with no intermission. Selections will be announced from the stage.

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#### **Boston City Singers February Art Camp participants**

Mina Brunell Sage Binzen Xenia Binzen Tanthwe Chonga Eleanor Fralish Josie Fralish Felix Grenningloh

- Julian Grenningloh Bjorn Goldstein Sofia Ironside Dara Jackson Krish McGrath Nanak McGrath Bea Nowak
- Ginny Nowak Shireen Potia-Cross Joanna Verdier Jonathan Verdier Valery Verdier Zlata Volozhina

#### Jaime Alberts, Emma Greenough, Wendy Silverberg chorus directors Kelly Gilmore visual arts Jen Alison Lewis theatre arts (Central Square Theater)

Founded in 1995 and headquartered in Dorchester, **Boston City Singers'** mission is to provide the highest level of musical training and wide-ranging performance opportunities to young people ages 4-18 while inspiring personal development, celebrating diversity, and fostering goodwill. With a commitment to transform the lives of inner-city young people one voice at a time, we seek to develop each heart to live with compassion in a world of differences. New members are accepted throughout the year. No previous training is required. Locations are situated in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, and North Cambridge. Financial assistance is available based on need. bostoncitysingers.org

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A 2019/20 Guggenheim Fellow, Sandeep Das is one of the leading Tabla virtuosos in the world today. Since his debut concert at age 17 with legendary Sitarist Pandit Ravi Shankar. Das has established himself as one of India's top Tabla maestros, building a prolific international reputation that spans more than three decades. In addition to performing at major Indian music festivals with renowned musicians such as Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia. Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, among others, he is one of the unique Indian Classical musicians to expand beyond his traditional roots and collaborate with musicians from across the globe. Das actively performs with and composes for major symphony orchestras, string quartets, jazz musicians, world music ensembles, and many other unique groups with regularly featured concerts at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Hollywood Bowl, the Royal Albert Hall, and the Concertgebouw, to name a few. Das has performed at prestigious events such as the 150th annual celebration of the UNO at the General Assembly Hall in NYC, the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics in Shanghai, the opening ceremony of the 1st Asia Expo in Kunming, China, the World Economic Forum, the BBC Proms, and for visiting dignitaries such as the Queen of England, the Queen of Thailand, the Pope, and various other world leaders. His collaboration with Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble (SRE), "Sing Me Home," was on the album that won the 2016 Grammy Award for Best World Music Album, and he has had two previous Grammy nominations, in 2005 and 2009. In 2017, Das received the prestigious Brother Thomas Fellowship and the New England Choice Artist of the Year Award, and in 2018 he was awarded a Live Arts Boston (LAB) Grant from The Boston Foundation. Das is an active recording artist and has recorded on over 20 albums for major labels such as Sony, Virgin Records, and T-Series in many genres including Indian Classical Music, World Music, Orchestral Music, and more.

**Suhail Jusuf Khan** is an eighth-generation sarangi player from New Delhi, India. He started his musical training at age seven with his grandfather, the late Ustad Sabri Khan, and uncle, Ustad Kamal Sabri. A multifaceted artist, composer, singer, and songwriter, he is well-versed in varied genres from Indian Classical Music to Contemporary Rock, Jazz Fusion, Folk Music Fusion, and World Music. He is a Cultural Ambassador for the British Council in New Delhi, a contracted artist with Domino Record Label Band, and currently a PhD candidate in Ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University.

Special thanks to the Dartmouth College Music Department for the loan of their tabla for the residency and today's performance.

Brava to Bailey O'Donnell, Executive Assistant to Sandeep Das, for her invaluable assistance on this project.

# 2022/23

# Celebrity Series of Boston

FEBRUARY 2023 Chris Thile Fri | Feb 3 | 8pm Sanders Theatre

**Artemis** Sat | Feb 4 | 8pm Berklee Performance Center

What Makes It Great? with Rob Kapilow Copland's Appalachian Spring with A Far Cry Sun | Feb 5 | 3pm NEC's Jordan Hall

**Jessica Vosk,** *My Golden Age* Sun | Feb 5 | 5pm Symphony Hall

**Circa, Sacre** Thu – Sat | Feb 9 – 11 | 8pm Boch Center Shubert Theatre

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS Sandeep Das & Mike Block Where the soul never dies Sat | Feb 11 | 4pm Harvard-Epworth Church

**Emi Ferguson and Ruckus** Sat | Feb 11 | 8pm GBH's Calderwood Studio Jason Moran and the Big Bandwagon James Reese Europe and the Harlem Hellfighters: From the Dancehall to the Battlefield Fri | Feb 17 | 8pm Berklee Performance Center

DEBUT SERIES Alexi Kenney, violin Shifting Ground Wed | Feb 22 | 8pm Longy's Pickman Hall

**Dreamers' Circus** Fri | Feb 24 | 8pm NEC's Jordan Hall

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS Sandeep Das: Soundscapes of India - Suhail Yusuf Khan with Boston City Singers Sat | Feb 25 | 3pm Multicultural Arts Center, Cambridge

MARCH 2023 Igor Levit, piano Sat | Mar 4 | 8pm NEC's Jordan Hall

Lawrence Brownlee, tenor Kevin Miller, piano Rising Sun I Mar 5 | 3pm GBH's Calderwood Studio

#### KODŌ, Tsuzumi

**KODŌ,** *Tsuzumi* Sun | Mar 12 | 5pm Symphony Hall

JAZZ FESTIVAL (Mar 8-11, 7pm)

at Artists For Humanity EpiCenter Melissa Aldana Quartet Hiromi Nnenna Freelon Ambrose Akinmusire

**Aoife O'Donovan** Fri | Mar 17 | 8pm Sanders Theatre

Chineke! Orchestra Andrew Grams, conductor Stewart Goodyear, piano Wed | Mar 22 | 8pm NEC's Jordan Hall

Terri Lyne Carrington + Social Science Fri | Mar 24 | 8pm Berklee Performance Center

DEBUT SERIES Fatma Said, soprano Rafael Aguirre, guitar Thu | Mar 30 | 8pm Longy's Pickman Hall

and many more...

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