



# Shan~e~Punjab



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***A tribute to all Punjabi Singers – who are they?*** Without these singers we would have no platform for learning about our culture through dance, song and performing arts. Singers today are all very educated with a minimum of a master's degree and the highest level of education of a PH.D. Both men and women Punjabi singers have achieved very high success. Singing evolved over time, starting with religious hymns and with influence of other nearby cultures from war times that introduced poetry with various names. *Create your own list and add more names and send it to [Shan-e-Punjab@shaw.ca](mailto:Shan-e-Punjab@shaw.ca)*

Abrar-ul-Haq  
Amar Noori  
Amar Singh Chamkila  
Anamika  
Anita Lerche (Denmark)  
Alam Lohar  
Aman Hayer  
Apache Indian  
Ashok Masti  
Amrinder Gill  
Arvind Kumar  
Asa Singh Mastana  
Attaullah Khan Essa Khailwi  
Babbu Mann  
Bobby Gill  
Bally Sagoo  
Bhagwant Mann  
Bikram Singh  
Balkar Sidhu  
Baba Sehgal  
Bohemia  
Bukan Jatt  
Daler Mehndi  
Daljit Neer

**STOP!**  
*Have you ordered your DVD/CD for the 2011 Visakhi Show?!*  
**Does your child/children have their t-shirt(s) – water bottles?!**

Dilruba  
Dr. Zeus  
Dr. Madan Gopal Singh  
Debi Maksoospuri  
Diljit Dosanjh  
Gubi Sandhu  
Gurdas Mann  
Gippy Grewal  
H-Dhami  
Hadiqa Kiyani  
Hans Raj Hans  
Harbhajan Mann  
Harcharan Grewal  
Hard Kaur (rapper)  
Harjit Harman  
Harshdeep Kaur  
Hazara Singh Ramta  
Imran Khan  
Jazzy B  
Jagjit Singh  
Jagmohan Kaur  
Jasbir Jassi  
Jassi Sidhu  
Jawad Ahmad  
Jaspal Bhatti  
Jaspinder Narula  
Jay Sean  
Joyti & Malika  
Juggy D  
Junoon  
K.S. Makhan  
Kaka Bhaniawala  
Kamal Heer  
K. Deep  
Kiran Ahluwalia  
Kuldeep Manak  
Kulwinder Dhillon  
Kaler Kanth  
Lal Chand Yamla Jatt  
Lehmber Hussainpuri  
Master Saleem

Mel Mahal  
 Manmohan Waris  
 Mika Singh  
 Mika Mehndi  
 Maninder Shinda  
 Malkit Singh  
 Mona Singh  
 Mukhtar Sahota  
 Miss Pooja  
 Narinder Biba  
 Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan  
 Noor Jehan  
 Panjabi MC  
 Pammi Bai  
 Preet Brar  
 Rabbi Shergill  
 Ravinder Ravi  
 Ravinder Grewal  
 Rishi Rich  
 Sangtar  
 Sardool Sikander  
 Satinder Sartaj  
 Shamshad Begum  
 Shaukat Ali  
 Surinder Kaur  
 Shingara Singh  
 Sukhbir  
 Sukhshinder Shinda  
 Sukhwinder Singh  
 Surinder Shinda  
 Surjit Bindrakhia  
 Surinder Kaur  
 Sonia Pabla  
 Swami  
 Taz (Tarsame Singh Saini)  
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Our 18<sup>th</sup> annual youth cultural showcase celebrating Visakhi was held earlier this year at Spectrum Community Theatre as part of the Spectrum Community High School on April 25 2010. This is a huge endeavor and volunteers are very important. Following the Visakhi Show the students performed at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival where both the Senior Advanced Team and Co-ed Teams received **awards** (pictures on page 3). On May 18 these two teams again were invited to BC Legislature aka Parliament Buildings Premier's Office.

This event was a major part of BC history where May was proclaimed to be **Asian Heritage Month** – those countries include the Philippines, China, India, Pakistan and many others of that area.



This year our co-ed team (currently eight members) participated at the Downtown Bhangra organized by the Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration Society held outdoors main stage at the Vancouver Art Gallery (May). The students are Amritpal Sekhon, Jasdeep Bhela (for Madison Bains), Harman Dhillon, Melody Sidhu, Navjit Bhangu, Harkirn Bhela. Parents attended and the host was Jett Basi, Sports Reporter of OMNI News, Punjabi Edition. Congratulations to their teachers Ms. Amy Sundher and Ms. Raveena Moor for an excellent performance. See pictures above.

Photographs by Samantha Rozon below of the Visakhi Show, 2010.



At the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival (GVPAF), 2010.



Also at the GVPAF the boys Dhol Team lead by Mr. Kamal Singh Vaid tied for first place at the Instrument portion of the competition. A pizza dinner was enjoyed by Mr. Lakhvir Atlas, Mr. Amritpal Sekhon, Mr. Harman Dhillon, and Mr. Navjit Bhangu.



Shan-e-Punjab students also participated in the Agha Khan Walk for Peace at Beacon Hill Park, and the inaugural India Fest in August 2010. At India Fest Shan-e-Punjab held its own tent/booth.



2010 Punjabna Da Mela – organized by the Indian Food Market. Singers were sister duo Joyti & Malika and Kaler Kanth.

Punjabi Alphabet in magnets is here!



Miss Punjaban – Miss **Harkirn Bhela** – Punjabna Da Mela (below center)

**note: contest was based on clothing only.**

The lady with her head covered in red came in second and she was an excellent Emcee for the event. **Ms. Sonia Grewal** was honoured with a plaque for not only Best Bhangra but for promoting culture her in community since 1993.



2010 Tiyan Da Mela – singers were K. S. Makhan and with various mainland female singers, organized by a hairdresser from the mainland. Miss Punjaban – Miss **Melody Sidhu** – Tiyan Da Mela. **note: contest was based on clothing only.**

2011-Bhangra Workshop for Teachers focusing on Jindua, Damaal, Jhumar, and Bhangra!



Babu Mann Concert – Royal Theatre the Boys of the co-ed team performed only with Mr. Kamal Vaid as Dholee.



Diwali 2010 featured performers, singers and entertainment from all regions of India. There were many Punjabi Bhangra performances and it was nice to see a Punjabi singer. I am extremely proud as was the senior advanced team as they put their ‘best’ foot forward and did an amazing performance – we are all very very proud! The team this year was Ms. Raman Randhawa, Ms. Janessa Sundher, Ms. Punam Randhawa, Ms. Nicole Randhawa, Ms. Amy Sundher, Ms. Raveena Moor, Ms. Preeti Kang, and Ms. Jasleen Dhatt. With Dholees Mr. Amandeep Vaid, Mr. Amritpal Sekhon, Mr. Navjit Bhangu, and Mr. Lakhvir Atlas. Note: ethnic dresses were inspired by the Bhangra Nation 13 event the team attended in 2009 and were sent from India in June 2010 thanks to Mrs. Atlas.

SEP students invited to the International Conference for Foster Care – performances in summer 2011!



Both Sean Pandher and Jasmeen Lalari performed at the Glengary Hospital for seniors with Dementia on November 20 2010 (photo above).

We thank all parents, students, and teachers whom have started with us and have remain committed for a long time and those whom may be new. Each year we improve from the year before, and we stay true to our motto **ASSERT** – having teachers build into their teaching programs.

Thank you for adhering to the policy of having the front door of the Dance Victoria Studios to be closed at all times. Also for our Visakhi Show please be sure no food nor drink are allowed inside the auditorium.

We are looking forward to another successful 2011 year!