

Legendary Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain Passes Away at 73

Description

Renowned Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain has sadly passed away at the age of 73 in San Francisco, succumbing to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, as confirmed by an official statement from his family on Monday.



Ustad Zakir Hussain performs during the 100th birth anniversary of his father Ustad Alla Rakha, in Ahmedabad in 2019.(File Image/PTI)

The legendary virtuoso leaves an enduring legacy, revered by countless aficionados of music across the globe, his influence resonating through generations yet to come.

Hussain is survived by his spouse, Antonia Minnecola, alongside his daughters Anisa and Isabella Qureshi, their respective families, as well as his brothers Taufiq and Fazal Qureshi, and sister Khurshid Aulia.

Prior to his passing, a close friend and flautist, Rakesh Chaurasia, disclosed that Hussain had been admitted to the ICU of a San Francisco hospital due to heart complications.

Initial reports of his demise circulated on Sunday, although these were refuted by his publicist, who confirmed to PTI that he was still undergoing treatment and "had not passed away." His family had called for prayers for his recuperation, though specifics regarding his condition remained undisclosed.



In their official announcement regarding Hussain's passing, his family noted, "His prolific contributions as a teacher, mentor, and educator have left an indelible impact on countless musicians. He aspired to inspire future generations to exceed boundaries. He leaves behind an unparalleled legacy as one of the most esteemed musicians of our age." They further requested privacy during this difficult period.

Celebrated Tabla Virtuoso: Zakir Hussain

Zakir Hussain was born on March 9, 1951, in Mumbai's Mahim, to the esteemed tabla master Ustad Allarakha, a long-time collaborator of Ravi Shankar. Hussain exhibited a prodigious talent for the tabla from an early age.

A musical prodigy, Hussain collaborated with nearly all iconic Indian musicians, including Ravi Shankar, Ali Akbar Khan, and Shivkumar Sharma.

Moreover, his groundbreaking ventures in Western music alongside artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Charles Lloyd, Béla Fleck, and George Harrison propelled Indian classical music into the global domain, cementing his status as a cultural ambassador.

Hussain's transformative contributions to music are lauded for their unique ability to forge authentic connections across diverse genres.

Among his illustrious collaborations were Shakti (which he co-founded with John McLaughlin and L. Shankar), Remember Shakti, and the Global Drum Project, among others.

His remarkable career has been punctuated by numerous honors, including India's Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri awards, as well as the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

In addition, Hussain garnered two Grammy Awards with Mickey Hart for Planet Drum, and three more this past March, setting the record as the first Indian to secure three Grammy Awards in a single night.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Aficionados** /əˌfɪʃ.əˈnɑː.dəʊ/ (noun): People who are very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity.
2. **Prolific** /prəˈlɪf.ɪk/ (adjective): Producing many works results or offspring.
3. **Indelible** /ɪnˈdel.ɪ.bəl/ (adjective): Not able to be removed or erased; lasting.
4. **Transcend** /trænˈsɛnd/ (verb): To go beyond the limits of something often in greatness or excellence.
5. **Enduring** /ɪnˈdʒʊr.ɪŋ/ (adjective): Lasting over a period of time; durable.
6. **Cultural** /ˈkʌl.tʃər.əl/ (adjective): Relating to the ideas customs and social behavior of a society.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Where was Zakir Hussain born?

- Option: Delhi
- Option: Mumbai
- Option: Kolkata
- Option: Chennai

2. What age did Zakir Hussain pass away at?

- Option: 65
- Option: 70
- Option: 73
- Option: 78

3. Which musical instrument was Zakir Hussain known for playing?

- Option: Sitar
- Option: Tabla
- Option: Flute
- Option: Violin

4. Who was Zakir Hussain's long-time collaborator?

- Option: Ravi Shankar
- Option: Ali Akbar Khan
- Option: Shivkumar Sharma
- Option: Yo-Yo Ma

5. Which award did Zakir Hussain not receive?

- Option: Padma Vibhushan
- Option: Grammy Award
- Option: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
- Option: Pulitzer Prize

6. Which group did Zakir Hussain co-found with John McLaughlin and L. Shankar?

- Option: The Beatles



- Option: Shakti
- Option: Queen
- Option: Led Zeppelin

True-False

- 7. Zakir Hussain was born in Delhi.
- 8. Zakir Hussain passed away at the age of 75.
- 9. Zakir Hussain was known for playing the Sitar.
- 10. Zakir Hussain received the Padma Vibhushan award.
- 11. Zakir Hussain co-founded Shakti with John McLaughlin and L. Shankar.
- 12. Zakir Hussain won a Pulitzer Prize for his music contributions.

Gap-Fill

- 13. Zakir Hussain was born on March 9, 1951, in Mumbai's Mahim, to the esteemed tabla master Ustad _____.
- 14. Zakir Hussain collaborated with iconic Indian musicians like Ravi Shankar, Ali Akbar Khan, and _____.
- 15. Zakir Hussain received two Grammy Awards with _____ for Planet Drum.
- 16. Zakir Hussain set a record as the first Indian to secure three Grammy Awards in a single _____.
- 17. Zakir Hussain's transformative contributions to music are praised for forging authentic connections across diverse _____.



18. Zakir Hussain was known for co-founding _____ with John McLaughlin and L. Shankar.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Mumbai 2. 73 3. Tabla 4. Ravi Shankar 5. Pulitzer Prize 6. Shakti

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Allarakha 14. Shivkumar Sharma 15. Mickey Hart 16. night 17. genres 18. Shakti

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is defined as unwanted and repeated behavior that may be perceived as offensive?

- Option: A. Allegations
- Option: B. Insidious
- Option: C. Harassment
- Option: D. Retaliation

2. Which word relates to the customs arts social institutions and achievements of a particular nation people or other social group?

- Option: A. Indelible
- Option: B. Enduring
- Option: C. Cultural
- Option: D. Transformation

3. What word describes someone who is keen or enthusiastic about something?

- Option: A. Representation
- Option: B. Devastated
- Option: C. Eager
- Option: D. Significant

4. To go beyond the limits of something is to _____.

- Option: A. Scrutiny
- Option: B. Resilience
- Option: C. Transcend
- Option: D. Anticipating

5. Which term refers to a famous person especially in entertainment or sports?

- Option: A. Celebrity



- Option: B. Authentic
- Option: C. Dissolution
- Option: D. Turmoil

6. What are the possibilities or likelihood for future success or advancement called?

- Option: A. Prolific
- Option: B. Devastated
- Option: C. Anticipation
- Option: D. Prospects

7. What word describes something so interesting or exciting that it holds one's attention?

- Option: A. Substantial
- Option: B. Compelling
- Option: C. Aficionados
- Option: D. Prolific

8. Which term is used to describe something of considerable importance size or worth?

- Option: A. Transformation
- Option: B. Cultural
- Option: C. Substantial
- Option: D. Anticipation

9. What word refers to the action of speaking or acting on behalf of someone or something?

- Option: A. Representation
- Option: B. Manipulation
- Option: C. Celebrity
- Option: D. Anticipating

10. Which term describes something that is genuine real or true?

- Option: A. Dissolution
- Option: B. Authentic
- Option: C. Harassment
- Option: D. Indelible

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. When someone makes a claim or _____ against another person it is known as making allegations.



12. Responding to a harmful action with a similar harmful action is often seen as a form of _____.
13. The detailed and careful examination of something is known as _____.
14. A state of great disturbance confusion or uncertainty is often referred to as _____.
15. Someone who is _____ is producing abundant works or results.
16. Looking forward to or expecting something is the same as _____.
17. Feeling extreme sorrow or shock after a loss is to be _____.
18. Something that is impossible to remove forget or change can be described as _____.
19. The act or process of changing significantly in appearance form or nature is known as _____.
20. The feeling of excitement about something expected or hoped for is called _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The disease had an insidious onset making it difficult to detect in the early stages.
22. His behavior at the party was disgraceful causing embarrassment to everyone present.
23. The politician was accused of deceit and manipulation to gain power.
24. The dissolution of their partnership came as a shock to many in the industry.
25. Despite facing numerous challenges she showed great resilience and determination.
26. The discovery of a new species was a significant breakthrough in the field of biology.
27. The author crafted a compelling narrative that captivated readers until the last page.
28. The art exhibition attracted many aficionados who appreciated the intricate details of each piece.
29. Their enduring friendship stood the test of time and challenges.



30. The director's use of lighting and angles created a cinematic masterpiece.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Harassment 2. C. Cultural 3. C. Eager 4. C. Transcend 5. A. Celebrity 6. D. Prospects
7. B. Compelling 8. C. Substantial 9. A. Representation 10. B. Authentic

Gap-Fill: 11. allegation 12. retaliation 13. scrutiny 14. turmoil 15. prolific 16. anticipating 17. devastated
18. indelible 19. transformation 20. anticipation

Matching sentence: 1. Insidious 2. Disgraceful 3. Manipulation 4. Dissolution 5. Resilience 6. Significant
7. Narrative 8. Aficionados 9. Enduring 10. Cinematic

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