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ZAKIR HUSSAIN & THE MASTERS OF PERCUSSION
RETURN TO ZELLERBACH HALL ON SATURDAY MARCH 24, 8:00 PM

BERELEY, February 21, 2012—Internationally acclaimed, award-winning **Zakir Hussain** along with the **Masters of Percussion** returns to Cal Performances' **Zellerbach Hall** on **Saturday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.** Zakir Hussain is applauded for his masterful skills in the field of percussion and known for being a *tabla* (Indian drum) virtuoso. He is a leader in world music and for spreading classical and folk repertoire from Hindustani (North India) internationally. Known best for his work with the Global Drum Project for which he won a 2009 Grammy Award, Hussain will bring with him a bevy of celebrated percussionists, including **Fazal Qureshi**, *tabla* and *kanujira* (Indian drum); **Rakesh Chaurasia** *bansuri* (bamboo flute); **Dishad Khan**, *sanrangi* (short-necked string instrument); **Navin Sharma**, *dholak* (hand drum); **Abbos Kosimov**, *doyra* (hand drum); and **Meitei Pung Cholom Performing Troup**, dancing drummers from Manipur.

A prodigal musician, Hussain learned the *tabla* from his legendary father and teacher Ustad Allarakha, and toured with him from a young age. A recipient of many accolades, Hussain received the title of Padma Bhushan in 2002, a high metric given by the Indian government. He is also the recipient of the 1999 National Heritage award. In 2007 he was voted the Best World Music and Best Worldbeat Drummer and won a 2009 Grammy in World Music category for his Global Drum Project. That same year he was also granted the title of Member in the Order of Arts and Letters by France.

Hussain and his fellow percussionists have collaborated many great classical musician including John McLaughlin, K. Shankar, Yoyo Ma, Joe Henderson and Van Morrison as well as musical ensembles such as the Hong Kong Symphony, New Orleans Symphony Orchestra and Nashville Symphony. The ensemble tours internationally and has been heralded in a variety of performance location including Carnegie Hall.

A well known composer he has also worked on interdisciplinary projects with choreographers Mark Morris, Alonzo King and Rennie Harris. He was chosen in 2007 to

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compose a celebratory anthem for India's 60th year of independence. Hussain has also composed the music for several soundtrack including films Heat and Dust, Vanaprastham (The Last Dance), In Custody, Apocalypse Now and Little Buddha.

In addition to performing and composing, Hussain actively teach the traditional Indian form of music. In 2005 he was named an Old Dominion Fellow at Princeton University, where he taught for a full year. His 2009 Carnegie Hall recitals also included many workshops that introduced musicians to classical Indian Style. He is also a visiting professor at Stanford University. Hussain holds an annual table workshop in Marin Country that has drawn over hundreds of students.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets prices for **Zakir Hussain & Masters of Percussion** in Zellerbach Hall from **March 24** range from **\$20.00-\$65.00** and are subject to change. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5.00 discount (Special Events excluded). For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior, and community rush tickets. Rush tickets are announced three hours prior to a performance on Cal Performances' Facebook page and at 510-642-9988 and are available in person only at the Ticket Office beginning one hour before the performance; one ticket per person; all sales are cash only. For more information, call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988, or visit www.calperformances.org.

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Saturday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley**

World Stage

Zakir Hussain, tabla

Fazal Qureshi, tabla & kanujira

Rakesh Chaurasia, bansuri

Dishad Khan, sanrangi

Navin Sharma, dholak

Abbos Kosimov, doyra

Meitei Pung Cholom Performing Troup

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