Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India
Rahis Bharti, Artistic Director

The Spirit of India

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PROGRAM

Tabla solo

Ensemble of khartal, tabla, and dholak

“Dhoom Taana” Song from the film Om Shanti Om (2007)

“Nimbooda” Traditional Rajasthani song

“Royal Rajasthani Ghoomar” Courtly spinning dance of the Maharaja

INTERMISSION

“Dil Na Diya” Song from the film Krrish (2006)

“Bhavai” Acrobat and fakir

“Khwaja Mere Khwaja” Song celebrating the deeds of the Sufi Saint Moinuddin Chishti, from the film Jodhaa Akbar (2008)

“Chari” Traditional Rajasthani dance performed while balancing brass pots on heads

“Begha Ghara Ayo Sajan” Traditional creation song from the Dhoad clan of Rajasthan

“Kalbeliya” Snake-charming dance
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MUSICIANS
Rahis Bharti  
band leader, percussion, tabla, voice

Arif Khan  
khartal

Abdul Sattar Khan  
trombone

Amrat Hussain  
table, voice

Khan Imamuudin  
snare drum

Ismail  
trombone

Kushal  
fakir

Dholi Shankar Lal  
trumpet

Moinuddin Khan  
voice

Qureshi Mohamed Razak  
bass drum

Khan Sanjay  
lead vocal, harmonium

Sarwar  
dholak

Tanwar Lal  
tuba

DANCERS
Sapera Chanda

Dhana

Lalita Sapera

Sapera Manju
The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India present The Spirit of India, a new step toward a bold vision in Indian live music and dance being presented to the world for the first time. Rahis Bharti, one of India’s greatest musical figures, and the Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India invite you on a lively musical journey from Rajasthan to Mumbai.

The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India is a vision of Mr. Bharti, the group’s Artistic Director, who invites you into the world of music, dance, dynamic rhythm, and spirituality that characterizes the incredible India we know today. From an early age, he was captivated by both the rich traditions and modern interpretations of his country’s signature sound and vision. Over his career, Mr. Bharti has traveled the world performing, and has made each prestigious festival, concert hall, or theater into a lavish and courtly stage of his own imagining. With 17 professional artists onstage, you will experience the soul of a veritable feast of Indian sounds, featuring a mix of Indian and Western instruments, such as bass drums, side drums, trombone, tabla, dholak, harmonium, and clarinet.

The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India give an authentic taste of the richness and excitement of Indian music.