



SHAHKAAR **FOUNDED in**
1934
shams ul ulema baleegh ul usul allama tajwar najibabadi 1894-1951
PANNA
winner

SHAHKAAR RESEARCH HUB
awards 2021

arshad durrani award
AGAINST ALL ODDS TRAUMA DISABILITY AGEISM
a tribute to the method of radio theatre television actor arshad durrani 1935-2018

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P A N N A

EDUCATION

Pakistan and India 1952-1970

Classical Dance

- Ustad Ghulam Hussein, Patiala Gharana
- Ustad Shado Maharaj, Delhi, Jaipur Gharana
- Ustad Rafi Anwar, Madras, Calcutta Gharana
- Ustad Siddique Samrat, Rajasthan Gharana
- Madam Azuri
- Ustad Deeb Kumar, Dhaka
- Mamta Shankar, Calcutta

Modern Dance

- Mrs. Watson, American
- Ballet
- Waltz
- Rock n' Roll
- Cha-Cha-Cha

AWARDS

- National and International Awards
- Pride of Performance, 2018
- Tribute on International Dance Day by PNCA in collaboration with Alhamra Arts Council, 2017
- Various Awards (100+) from renowned personalities worldwide.
- Awards received from Pakistan, China, India, Norway, Iran, Afghanistan, Thailand, England,
- Indonesia, USA
- Others

WORK EXPERIENCE**Dance Teacher**

- Karachi, Lahore, 1997- Present
- Classical and Modern Dance at Alhamra Arts Council, 2015-present
- Volunteer Teacher at Shaukat Khanum to Teach Dance to Cancer Patients 1998-2018
- Karachi Arts Council 1997-1998
- Shakir Ali Museum and PNCA, 1997-2017
- LGS, 2000
- Dance Instructor of Chinese University Students upon the invitation of Chinese Government

Kathak Dancer

- Worldwide 1959 - Present
- Invited by Alliance Française de Karachi as Chief Guest and Performer, Lollywood Exhibition, Filmistan II, March 2016
- First to Represent Pakistan in Thailand
- Invited by the Queen Sirikit and King Bhumibol to perform at the Palace facilitated by the Rotary Club
- Invited by Jamshed Nasroor to perform Kathak Dance and Urdu Poetry in Norway as part of a cultural program, 2006
- Performances for Red Cross, Lahore, 1959
- Performance at Film Festival Lahore, 1961

Performances for Heads of States

- Shah of Iran, Iran
- Queen Elizabeth, England
- President Sukarno, Indonesia
- Chairman Mao Zedong, China
- Premier Zhou Enlai, China
- Hu Jintao, China
- Mohammed Zahir Shah, Afghanistan
- President Eisenhower, USA
- King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit, Thailand
- Prince Karim Aga Khan
- Prime Minister Feroz Khan Noon, Pakistan
- President Iskandar Mirza, Pakistan
- President Ayub Khan, Pakistan
- Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Pakistan

- Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan

Official Delegate

- Worldwide, 1977 - Present
- Represented Pakistani Film and Culture in Moscow, Russia Film Festival (1977)
- Represented Pakistan at Tashkent Film Festival (1978)
- Represented Pakistan in India at Patiala, Amritsar, Haryana, Delhi, Lucknow, and Jalhander, 2002-2007
- Represented Pakistan in China on various occasions including Pakistan Day Celebrations, 2018

Dancer and Actor

Pakistan, Italy, Bangladesh, 1958 – 1970

Cast in the role of a Kathak Dancer in over 50 Pakistani Films including:

- Baji,
- Gulfam
- Sartaj
- Kangan
- Azra
- Neela Parbat,
- Seema
- Pakeeza
- Sukh Ka Sapna
- Haveli, Tauba
- Insaan Badalta Hai
- Qaidi
- Sarwaza
- Mouj Mela, Bazigar
- Charagh Jalta Raha
- Aurat
- Ek Khani
- Paigham
- Choorian
- Gul Bakawali
- Ishrat
- Devana,
- Raat Key Rahi
- and others
- Had the honour of performing to Ustad Allah Rakha's Tabla playing in Baji, 1962
- Starred in two Italian Films including Kali Yug: Goddess of Vengeance (1963)
- Two Bangladeshi Films including Ei Desh Tomar Amar, 1959

- Acted in more than ten Pakistani Films including:
- Neela Parbat,
- Tange Vala
- Raat ke Rahi
- Bazigar
- Insan Badalta He,
- Inspector
- Others.

Choreographer and Director

- Pakistan, China, and India, 1997 – Present
- PNCA, Shakir Ali Museum
- Shaukat Khanum
- Alhamra Arts Council
- Choreographer for Dance Events
- Choreography and Direction of the play ‘Anarkali’ at Lahore Fort, 2002
- Choreographed Program ‘Hazrat Bulleh Shah’ on Sufi Artists at Tagore Theatre
- Choreographed Dances in Patiala, Amritsar, Haryana, Delhi, Lucknow, Jalhander representing Pakistan, 2002-2007
- Choreographed dances on Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan’s Qawwalis
- Choreographed a Ballet depicting the famous Dancing Girl of Mohenjodaro
- Choreographed Sindhi Dance performances for Ibrahim
- Zafaryab, Cultural Enthusiast in USA, 2013-2018
- Choreographed and Directed performance at Alhamra Arts Council for The Government
- for Language Institute of Pakistan, Dr. Shaista Nuzhat
- Directed Play and Choreographed Performances for NAFDEC, Pakistan
- Directed two plays performed at Alhamra Arts Council on Cancer Day, 2015, 2018 as a volunteer for Shaukat Khanum
- Directed various Documentaries on Pakistani Dance and Culture for Pakistani and foreign audiences

Producer

Pakistan, 1977-1980

Produced many Pakistani Films for Director/Husband Syed Suleman including

- Yar Dost
- Uff ye Beeviyan
- Mere Hazoor
- Bad Shahbaz
- Anari
- Tere bina kya jeena

- Talaag

Writer

Pakistan 1997 – Present

Writer of short stories published in Magazines and Newspapers such as:

- Takhleeq
- Mahinow
- Naya Chand
- Khawateen Times
- Jahan Newspaper, Family Magazine,
- Shahdab
- Zanjeer
- Others

Lecturer

Pakistan 1990s – Present

- Lectured at LUMS University: Kathak, Urdu Language and Poetry, 2014
- Lectures on Pakistani Culture in Bangkok sent by the Rotary club and Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto
- Kathak Lectures in Islamabad, PNCA.

Currently writing autobiography (to be published).