## Pakistani Music

The best music

#### Overview

- Evidence for bold claim
- Coke Studio what it is and why I won't talk much about it.
- A little look at the evolution of music in Pakistan
  - Early Days
  - Music & Politics
  - Qawwali
  - Folk Music
  - Pop & Rock Music
  - Contemporary Artists
  - Urdu Rap
- Where to listen?

#### Is Pakistani Music the best music?

'Duh' - Pakistani Friend 1

'Haan na bey' - Pakistani Friend 2



'A.R Rehman is god but haan yaar Mehdi Hassan did get me through my heartbreak - Indian Friend 1

'OMG FAWAD KHAN WAS IN A ROCK BAND?! AAAAAAAA'- Indian Friend 2

'I have never heard Pakistani music but I am sure it is the best please don't hurt me" - *Gora* Friend (may have been surrounded by a bunch of Pakistanis)

Disclaimer: at least one of these is fictional

### Google search: 'amazing pakistani music stories'



14 Of The Greatest And Most Famous Pakistani Singers

Our next singer is one of the best musicians in the current Pakistani music industry. Not ...



#### **ABOUT DAN**

Dan Farrant was born and raised in London and now resides in Godalming, Surrey, which is just on the outskirts of London. Prior to pursuing magic as a career, Dan was a professional musician. He received his undergraduate degree from The Royal Academy of Music where he studied the double bass.

Over his 12 years of being a professional magician, Dan has performed at over 1500 events all over the UK, and the world.

In his free time, Dan enjoys cooking, drinking coffee and wine, eating sushi, Mexican, and Thai cuisine, reading about Roman history, studying French, playing chess, travelling, and he loves a good pun (Tim Vine is his hero).



#### Coke Studio



#### Tufail Niazi



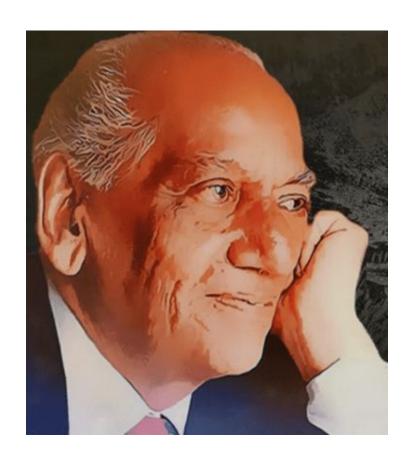
#### Mehdi Hassan



#### Noor Jehan



#### Faiz Ahmed Faiz





## Iqbal Bano



#### Qawwali

"Briefly – and dryly – Qawwali is a form of devotional music, originating centuries ago but in the form that we now know it around the 13th century by one order of the Sufis.

... Generally but not exclusively, the lyrics will be the work of great Sufi poets, rendered in soaring, shrieking voices but to bare music; a tabla or dhol for a beat, a wheezing harmonium for rhythm and the clapping of an entourage.

...the spiritual base is the most important because Qawwali is not just music. To those versed, it is a call to prayer, to ritual, to contemplation, to faith, to hope, to despair, to love, to mourning, to celebration.

Other music, especially modern music, asks you primarily to listen. Qawwali asks that you submit, that you immerse yourself. Otherwise it asks – and gives – you nothing."

-Osman Samiuddin

#### Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan

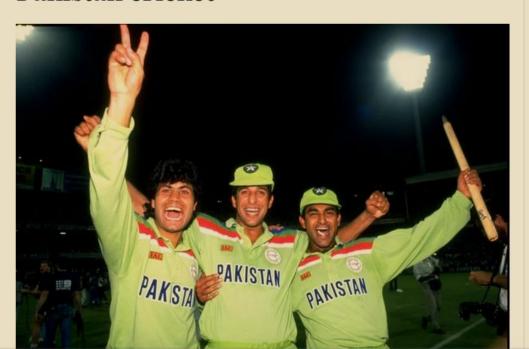




MATCH CENTRE STORIES PLAY & WIN SHOP WISDEN

THE NIGHTWATCHMAN

#### The Haal of Pakistan: Osman Samiuddin dissects the chaos of Pakistan cricket



#### Abu Muhammad & Fareed Ayaz



## Abida Parveen



## Alan Faqir



## Let's Disco





#### Pop and Rock Bands

#### Bands / Pakistan

From sources across the web



Overload





Nazia and Zoheb 1980 - 1992

Kashmir





Furgan and Imran Since 2012

Khumariyaan

Since 2008







Topi Drama Since 2010





Laal Since 2007



Saturn Since 2003



Sajid & Zeeshan Since 2003



Rushk











Esta Livio

Since 2010



Sikandar Ka Mandar



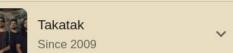
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Since 2005

Since 2010

Naseer & Shahab



## Junoon



## **Entity Paradigm**



## Strings



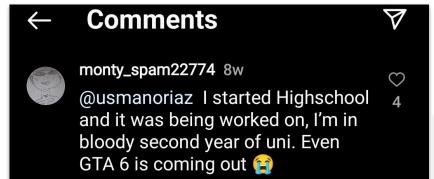
#### Meesha Shafi



#### Usman Riaz









#### Arooj Aftab



### Desi Rap



#### **Justin Bibis**



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#### **Spotify Playlist**

#### Rules:

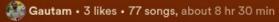
- Each artist has a single entry
- Any genre, era
- As little Coke Studio as possible



Playlist

# PakistaniMusic

The definitive Pakistani Music Playlist. Every artist has a single entry with as little Coke Studio as possible.





#### Youtube Suggestions

Mere Log - Noori - Live at the musicarium : don't have it on spotify

Nescafe Basement - Piya Re, Sweet Child of Mine, Resistance, Aadat, Haiderium

#### Sequel talk: Pakistani Biscuits - The best biscuits.



