

“Pankaj Udhas – Heart to Heart” Concert

August 23rd, 2013 – Tempe Center for the Arts



Another significant event for this summer in Phoenix has just been ended in August. Kiran and Sneha Dhole of Mumbai Beats (www.mumbaibeats.com) have successfully hosted Pankaj Udhas – Heart to Heart, a live fine ghazal concert on August 23rd, 2013. This one of a kind much anticipated ghazal concert in Phoenix was presented at Tempe Center for the Arts to valley’s ghazal fans. Pankaj Udhas was joined by group of several musicians on stage playing live variety of specialized musical instruments which created the mood all evening.

“Several years ago, Sneha and I went to lunch with our family friend, Arjun Mudda, to talk about the possibility of a Bollywood events performed by the most elite group of artist in the industry,” says Kiran of Mumbai Beats. “We landed on doing “75 Years of Asha” concert in 2008 and talked about what it would look like . . . since then, every year we have added another element.”

Mumbai Beats hosted several Bollywood concerts in Phoenix and this was its first ghazal concert ever. However with world famous artist such as Padmashree Pankaj Udhas, the concert was a big success. Celebrating over three glorious decades of soulful melodies of the artist, Mumbai Beats provided a rare opportunity for Ghazal aficionados to experience the rich and vibrant performance of India’s top ghazal maestro on August 23rd, 2013. Several feedbacks poured in immediately after the concert reported that the evening really did put audience in the spirit that continued well into the following week after the event. Mr. Desai, an avid ghazal fan said he loved the performance so much that, “if theater had it recorded, I would buy it.” He mentioned Mr. Pankaj Udhas’s performance as truly fantastic; the singing as beautiful; and said of the artist that he “was surprised Pankaj ji still had his magic. We grew up listening to his classic ghazals over thirty years ago. They all still sound so new and fresh. His ghazals from newly released album “Sentimental” is at par with his old blockbusters. Wrapping it all up was the wonderful musicianship. Truly an enjoyable evening, all the way around, he enthused.

Enhancing the intense visuals and adding an electric and magical atmosphere to the mix, the show included all-time favorite ghazals along with several from the latest hit “Sentimental” album. Distinctive lighting programming took the audience on a dazzling trek. Over the period of more than three hours of show, artists rewarded several fans in the auditorium by fulfilling their farmaish by singing several ghazals including “Sabko Maloom hai main sharabi nahin...” dedicated to Kiran and Sneha Dhole who are aloof from alcohol drinks. Pankaj Udhas and audience members and later on concert organizers were able to mingle together and share words of praise and mutual respect for the cheer produced throughout the performance. Pankaj ji called this concert the best so far in his tour and credited it to flawless event

organization, perfect sound and light along with beautiful hall and the best response he has received from the audience so far.

After all, “this concert is a time to come together and remember all the wonderful elements of our culture,” says Kiran of Mumbai Beats.

The event was held in a plush hall at Tempe Center for the Arts.

The red carpet was hosted by Mumbai Beats along with event coordinators Neha and Aziz Mallik, Shy Khan and Prameet Bhargava.

According to Kiran and Sneha Dhole, "We are grateful to everybody that turned out for the event and our sponsors, Capri Jewelers and Kahana Khazana Restaurant that supported Pankaj Udhas-Live in Concert on that remarkable day.”