

## Former ISGH President and Pakistan Center Trustee Dr. Aziz Siddiqui's daughter weds Nadir Mohammad Khan at a local venue



## Ghazal Time In Raleigh

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The art form of ghazal, with roots as old as the sixth century pre-Islamic Arabic poetry form of Qasida and Sufi poetry of Jalal uddin Rumi (thirteenth century), Hafez (fourteenth century), the art form of ghazal poetry had its seeds sown in South Asia through the medieval Islamic sultanate courts and sufi mystics. There has been much innovation and popularization of this genre by contemporary ghazal singers, Pankaj Udhas and Jagjit Singh. Thus it was a great delight for the

Triangle residents to attend a concert by the famous ghazal singer Ghulam Ali who is considered an Ustaad or maestro in this genre. This concert was organized by Arvind Mahajan of Live Spectrum Entertainment at the A. J. Fletcher Opera Theater in downtown Raleigh.

The six hundred capacity hall was almost filled with attendees eager to listen to Ustaad Ghulam Ali. Ghulam Ali sang some famous ghazals, including Chupke Chupke Raat Din, Dil Mein Ek Leher Si Uthi Hai Abhi, Yeh Dil Yeh Pagal Dil Mera, Hangama Hai Kyoon

Barpa, Rashid Kamil's Roz Kehta Hoon Bhoon Jaon Use, and many more memorable ghazals. Ghulam Ali belongs to the famous Patiala School of Music and has a solid foundation in classical music genre of Thumri and ragas. Originally from Pakistan, Ghulam Ali became hugely popular in India when his song Chupke Chupke was featured in the famous Indian Movie "Nikkah" in 1982.

A hallmark of Arvind's previous concerts, this concert also brought together diverse community members of Indian and Pakistani descent

living in the Triangle Area, offering a wonderful melting pot for South Asian community in the Triangle. The stage was beautifully decorated with flower arrangements and the catering for the event was provided by Olive Green Restaurant. The sound system, which was provided by the A. J. Fletcher Opera Theater, was impeccable for this event. Major sponsors of the event included AKM Realty and Goddard School. You could check out for future concerts organized by Live Spectrum or subscribe to Live Spectrum's email list-serve by visiting [www.LiveSpectrum.com](http://www.LiveSpectrum.com).