

# Indian, Tajik, Uzbek musicians perform at 39th Fajr Music Festival



*Internationally acclaimed musician Rahis Bharti (C) from India performed with DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan at Vahdat Hall on Tuesday, February 13.*

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Bharti is the creator and director of various programs performed by the legendary Bollywood Masala Orchestra - Spirit of India, Jaipur Maharaja Brass Band, and Chalaang - drummers of India. He has appeared in over 2,500 performances in 110

countries for the last 18 years.

Tehran's Roudaki Hall hosted two international performances on Tuesday, one from Tajikistan and the other from Uzbekistan.

Tajik musician and singer Abrar Zufarov performed on the second day of the festival at Roudaki Hall. Besides singing, he played Tajik tanbur and setar during his performance, and was accompanied by a dayera player.

Another concert was held at the same venue and Uzbek musician and singer Serdar Soliev performed

mugham music of Uzbekistan.

Iranian traditional and pop singer Hojat Ashrafzadeh also performed at Vahdat Hall as part of the national section of the festival on Tuesday.

In addition to Vahdat and Roudaki halls, five other venues in Tehran play host to various performances during the festival including pop, folk, traditional, and international music.

The festival is held in Tehran and 14 other provinces simultaneously. The seven venues in Tehran host more than 70 performances and over 330 stage performances will be held in 14

provinces including East Azerbaijan, Bushehr, Semnan, Fars, Golestan, Markazi, Mazandaran, North Khorasan, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Khuzestan, Kermanshah, Lorestan, Kerman, and Hormozgan.

Organized by the Music Office of the Deputy for Artistic Affairs of Iran's Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, the festival encompasses various sections such as the competitive (Barbad Award), non-competitive, and research sessions.

The international event will conclude on February 17.