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Friday 2 June 2023, 8pm, Barbican Hall

Tickets from £20 plus booking fee

Three world-class musicians come together to create a singular voice from their distinct backgrounds and vast histories for a one-of-a-kind performance in the Barbican Hall.

GRAMMY award-winning musician **Arooj Aftab** (vocals), GRAMMY nominee **Vijay Iyer** (piano and electronics) and multi-instrumentalist **Shahzad Ismaily** (bass and Moog synth) join forces for an evening defined by a sense of timeless beauty as they bring their newly-announced album *Love in Exile* (Verve Records, March 2023) to London audiences. Recorded live in a New York studio, the album and its minimal production is a startlingly present and emotionally open record that joins these musicians together in a breathtakingly unified sound.

Following the album's March 2023 release, Aftab, Iyer and Ismaily will make their London debut as a trio at the Barbican. With shimmering keyboard melodies, stirring vocals, earthy basslines and hypnotic drones, the trio will come together to demonstrate the power that music holds and how it provides a meeting ground and a way of being alive in a world that ultimately invites us to love.

Produced by the Barbican in association with Serious and Bird On The Wire

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COMING UP THIS YEAR

- Arcadia Live: Will Gregory + Adrian Utley ([Sat 4 Mar 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- OrchestRAM: An Orchestral Journey into Drum & Bass ([Sat 11 Mar 2023, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Devonté Hynes + London Symphony Orchestra ([Sat 18 & Sun 19 Mar 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Lisa O'Neill ([Thu 23 Mar 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Christina Vantzou + Holland Andrews ([Fri 24 Mar 2023, 7:30pm](#))
- Kaushiki Chakraborty ([Sat 1 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Roger Eno with string quartet from the LCO ([Wed 19 Apr 2023, LSO St Luke's, 7.30pm](#))
- Xerrox Selected: s t a r g a z e + Alva Noto ([Wed 26 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Aldous Harding + H Hawklind / + Alice Low ([Fri 28 – Sat 29 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Yahael Camara Onono masterclass and performance ([Fri 28 Apr, 2pm](#) & [Sat 29 Apr 7.30pm](#))
- Novo Amor + Jemima Coulter ([Sun 30 Apr 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Lankum ([Thu 4 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Richard Dawson ([Fri 5 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Unsound London ([Saturday 6 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))

- A Winged Victory for the Sullen + London Brass, ACME Strings and SHARDS ([Sat 13 and Sun 14 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Damir Imamović ([Sun 21 May 2023, Milton Court, 7:30pm](#))
- Rival Consoles ([Sat 27 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Baaba Maal ([Tue 30 May 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Love in Exile with Arooj Aftab, Vijay Iyar and Shahzad Ismaily ([Fri 2 June 2023, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- José González ([Fri 9 & Sat 10 Jun 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Dillon (*rescheduled: [23 June 2023, LSO St. Luke's, 7.30pm](#))
- Musics from Summerisle / The Wicker Man – featuring Magnet, Gazelle Twin & Alasdair Roberts ([Sat 24 Jun 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis ([Sun 9 Jul 2023, Barbican Hall, 7:30pm](#))
- Jeff Mills, Jean-Phi Dary, Prabhu Edouard: Tomorrow Comes The Harvest ([Fri 8 Sep 2023, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- The Horse - Matthew Herbert x London Contemporary Orchestra ([Sat 14 Oct 2023, 7:30pm](#))
- This is The Kit ([Sat 25 Nov 2023, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

COMING UP IN 2024

- Erland Cooper: Carve the Runes Then Be Content With Silence ([Sat 8 Jun 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Nils Frahm – *Music For London* ([Thu 11 – Sun 14 July 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

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