

APOORVA MUDGAL

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Education

- 2022-present Hindustani Classical Music with a focus on Sufi texts, under Ustad Abu Muhammad of the Fareed Ayaz and Abu Muhammad Qawwal '*Dilli Bacchon ka Gharana*'
- 2021-present Urdu Ghazal, Columbia University Urdu Poetry Group under Prof. Frances Pritchett
- 2018-present Hindustani Classical Music, under V. Sharmistha Chatterjee & Pt. Sanjoy Bannerjee
- 2011-2016 Bachelor of Architecture, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Honors and Awards

- 2023 Women of Excellence Award, Indian Achievers Forum
- 2021 '40 Under 40 Achievers' List, Indian achievers Club by the Rotary Club of Maharashtra
- 2019 'Legacy of South Asian Womxn in music' at Urban Desi Documentary x Product of Culture
- 2018 'Khazana' Artists Aloud Ghazal Talent Hunt, Finalist
- 2016 Special Mention for B. Arch. Thesis (GPA 8.742/10)
- 2008 ICSE All India Rank 1 (Score 98.2%)

Performances, Press and Commissions

- 2025 Featured Artist on 'Mapping NYC's South Asian Sufi Renaissance' by Bandcamp Daily
- 2024 Guest lecturer and performer for 'An Artist's Practice Against All Odds' at Brown University (RI) with Prof. Holly Schaffer and internationally acclaimed artist Shahzia Sikander's 'Heart as a Vector';
- Featured Artist on 'Arts Spotlight' by Brown Arts Institute (RI);
- Featured Artist on 'Look' by HIAA (History of Arts and Architecture) at Brown University (RI);
- Featured Artist on 'Women, Resistance and Revolution' by South Asian Avant Garde and Kamli NYC, at People's Forum (NY)
- Featured Artist on The Sacred Music Series at Columbia University, New York
- 2023 Featured artist at 'A Lullaby for the Children of Palestine' Fundraising concert for Gaza;
- Featured artist at 'Howdy Democracy' at City Winery (NY) alongside Man Booker Prize

winning author Kiran Desai, Rupi Kaur, GRAMMY® nominated pianist Vijay Iyer etc for HfHR (Hindus for Human Rights), IAMC (Indian American Muslim Council) and the POLIS Project;

Featured Artist on ‘Voices That Borders Will Not Stop’, Dailynews Sri Lanka

Featured vocalist at ‘Celebrate Holi’ at Flushing Town Hall (NY);

Featured Artist at ‘Celebrate with FTH the Festival of Colors’, The Indian Panorama;

Featured Artist on ‘Welcome Spring with Holi’, Queens Public Television

2022 Featured artist at Pakistan Flood Fundraiser for KarvaanNYC at Happy Monday, Brooklyn (NY);

Featured artist at New York Kathak Festival at Queens Theatre (NY);

Featured artist at ‘Defying Limits’ Gala for Sakhi South Asian Women at Ellis Island Immigration Museum;

2021 Organizer at ‘Naya Saal’ Fundraiser for COVID-19 worst-hit communities in India;

Featured artist on Rekhta.org (923k Instagram followers, 19 million website users);

Featured artist on Jeevay Punjab (92.7k YouTube subscribers);

Featured artist on Mahogany Sessions (96.8k Instagram followers);

2020 Featured artist on Common Roots Festival, India;

Recording artist for Sheba Karim’s novel ‘Marvelous Mirza Girls’ promotional track;

2019 Featured artist at ‘Legacy of South Asian Womxn in music’ at Urban Desi Documentary x Product of Culture : celebrating society’s most pervasive female mark makers who were the voices of Urban Desi music over the past 50 years, showcased among more than 150 artists from around the world;

Featured Vocalist and touring member for GRAMMY® Voting Member Charu Suri’s album ‘Book of Ragas’ at Carnegie Hall (NY), Nocturne (Denver, CO), Weehawken Summer Concert Series (NJ), Church of St. John in the Village (NY);

Featured Vocalist on Adam Maalouf’s ‘Path of Time’ at Rockwood Music Hall (NY);

Guest artist at Baar Baar (NY);

Guest artist at Utsav (NY);

2018 Recording artist for commercial jingle by Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy (Mumbai, India);

Recording artist for commercial jingle by Ajay-Atul (Mumbai, India);

House artist at Pranzi (Mumbai, India)

2017 Featured artist at Piano Man (Delhi, India);

Judge's Bench at 'Swaranjali', IIT Roorkee (India) ;

Recommendations

Priyadarshini Max ZT	GRAMMY® nominated vocalist, 'Periphery' and 'On Becoming' GRAMMY® nominated hammered dulcimer player and composer, 'On Becoming'
Vijay Iyer Kiran Desai Navina Haider Shruti Rya Ganguly	GRAMMY® nominated pianist and composer, 'Vulture Prince' Man Booker Prize winning author Chief Curator (Islamic Art) at Metropolitan Museum of Art (NY) Award-winning filmmaker and writer, Obama's ECCO committee of 30 leaders and creators in entertainment
Suchitra Vijayan Salil Tripathi	Award-winning writer and Faculty at New York University Gallatin Chair of PEN International's Writers in Prison Committee, contributing editor at <i>The Caravan</i> and <i>Mint</i>
Charu Suri Dev Benegal Shahzia Sikander	GRAMMY® voting member 42nd National Film Award winning filmmaker and screenwriter Multi-award winning visual artist, 'Tamgha-e-Imtiaz' National Medal of Honor, Govt of Pakistan
Ali Sethi Arooj Aftab	TIME 100 Next, TIME Magazine GRAMMY® winning vocalist and composer

Skills

Languages: English (IELTS® 8.5), Hindi-Urdu (Native/Bilingual Proficiency)

Performance Links

1. ['Dasht-e-tanhai' \(Oct 2024\)](#)
2. [Sacred Music at Columbia University : Full Concert \(Nov 2024\)](#)
3. ['Humko mita sake' at Howdy Democracy?! \(June 2023\)](#)
4. ['Kanhaiyyan' at Flushing Townhall \(March 2023\)](#)
5. [Apoorva Mudgal and Ria Modak at NY Kathak Festival \(Nov 2022\)](#)
6. ['Nahin Saamne' live in San Francisco \(Mar 2022\)](#)
7. ['Reshmi Tandaaan' for Jeevay Punjab, Apoorva Mudgal and Ria Modak \(Mar 2022\)](#)
8. ['Bekhudi' ft. Likhari, Irtiza Shafaat, Vinayak Shukla \(Jan 2021\)](#)