

Javed Bashir mesmerizes audience at Mississauga's TD Mosaic festival

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Pakistani playback singer Javed Bashir won the hearts of GTA's South Asian audience with his mesmerizing voice at the Mississauga Celebration Square.

The 12th annual TD Mosaic Festival was held in Mississauga on Friday, Aug. 11, and Saturday, Aug. 12.

The artists included folk and popular musicians and singers, both from Canada and as well as India and Pakistan.

Asma Mahmood, the artistic director of the Canadian Community Arts Initiative (CCAI), which organizes and presents the TD Mosaic Festival each year, says the event is growing fast and has been creating a buzz around some of the well-known international artists.

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This year, the festival's theme was "Ekta," which means oneness and unity. It celebrated the spirit of Canada's 150th by showcasing more than 200 artists and performers on two stages.

Bashir is known for numerous Bollywood film songs including *Kahaani* and *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*.

Also part of the entertainment lineup was evergreen Pakistan actress, singer and comedian Bushra Ansari.

Both Bashir and Ansari have received Tamgha Husne Karkardigi in Pakistan, which is the highest national arts award in Pakistan and equivalent to Order of Canada.

Similarly, India's Sufi singer Kailash Kher was yet another big name at the Celebration Square, who has received Padmashri Award in India.

Kher has released several albums and has sung more than 700 songs in films as a playback singer. He also brought his famous Kailasa band to join him for the Mississauga performance.

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Anwar Khurshid, from the Academy Award-winning team of musicians from film *Life of Pi*, also shared the stage.

Recognition around TD Mosaic continues to grow after it was named the Festival of the Year at the 2017 MARTY Awards.

On Saturday, there was a halwa poori brunch. Different vendors were also selling food, clothing, art, jewelry and more. There was also a free art workshops for children.

For more information, visit www.mosaicfest.com. (<http://www.mosaicfest.com>)

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