

Channi Singh from Alaap and Mona Singh

An exclusive performance for Bradford Mela brings together two generations of a British Asian musical dynasty for a special 21st Anniversary treat.

Channi Singh is the charismatic singer who founded Alaap, one of the pioneers of British bhangra in the 1980's. Channi (who famously wears a white scarf on stage) and his band were known for their exhilarating live performances and driving rhythms. They appeared at Bradford Mela in 1998. Channi was followed onto the Bradford Mela stage 20 years later by his daughter Mona Singh who performed in Bradford in 2008.

Mona has made her own mark in an industry so comfortably dominated by her father for so many years. Her debut album created a massive stir and hit the number one position in the UK Asian Music Charts. Since then she has worked with producers such as Basement Jaxx and Dizzie Rascal. This unique father and daughter collaboration promised to be one of the most memorable moments of this year's Mela.