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Pakistan's most powerful and influential women.

Media



Dr. Maliha Lodhi

Dr. Maliha Lodhi is a journalist, professor, Former High Commissioner of Pakistan to United Kingdom and a Former Ambassador to the United States of America. She has also been a member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament. Dr. Lodhi received her school education in Lahore and received her BSc. in Economics and a PhD in Political Science from the London School of Economics. She became the Pakistani Ambassador to the US, under two different Presidents from 1994-1997 and then during 1999-2002. She got Hilal-i-Imtiaz award from President of Pakistan.



Rabia Anum

Rabia Anum is one of Geo's foremost news anchors. She has been associated with Geo for some time now and has been winning the hearts of audiences all over the country. She has many years of experience on screen, and fans seem to love her.

She is an avid tweeter and uses social media to stay in touch with her fans. She represents a new generation of journalists coming forward to take the helm.



Reham Khan

Reham Khan is a British Pakistani journalist and anchor currently working with Dawn News. She started her career as weather forecaster in BBC. Later in 2006, she joined Legal TV. In 2007, Reham began presenting for Sunshine Radio Hereford and Worcester. In 2008, Reham joined BBC as broadcast journalist. In 2013, Reham joined Pakistani news channel News One. She later joined Aaj TV. She is also social activist. Reham Khan has married Pakistani politician Imran Khan, Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.



Rehana Hakim

Rehana Hakim is editor-in-chief of Newline, a news magazine known for its incisive journalism. She has served in this role since 1996. Newline is owned and run by the only journalists' cooperative in Pakistan. Additionally, Rehana is the President of the Pakistan Chapter of SAWM-South Asian Women in the Media - an association of women journalists aimed at advancing female journalists and highlighting women's issues in the media. She is also the member of South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) and has been part of its efforts to promote friendship and people-to-people contact of Pakistan with other countries. She was awarded the Nesvita Women of Strength Award in 2009.



Saima Mohsin

Saima Mohsin is an international correspondent for CNN based in Bangkok, Thailand. In a career spanning more than 17 years, Mohsin has covered some of the world's biggest stories. In 2014, Mohsin reported from CNN's Jerusalem bureau, where she interviewed Benjamin Netanyahu during the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. She travelled to the Netherlands to report on the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 and covered the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370. Mohsin and her team also reported live from Karachi airport in a night long siege and terror attack in June 2014.

Politics



Khushbakht Shujaat

Khushbakht Shujat was born on November 01, 1948 in Bhopal, India. She received a Masters degree in Journalism from Karachi University in 1975. She has been elected as a MNA on the ticket of Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM). She is also serving as the

President of Cultural and Literacy Forum in her party MQM. Khushbakht Shujat has had an illustrious career as a television compare and teaching. She is a well-known for her debating skills. Her areas of legislative interests include foreign affairs, education, women development and health. She enjoys reading, music and gardening in her leisure time.



Maryam Nawaz

Maryam Safdar is a Pakistani female politician and the daughter of the current Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Kalsoom Nawaz. She is a prominent figure in Pakistani politics, serving the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N).

Maryam is involved in political advocacy and has a vested interest in raising the standard of education in Punjab, serving as chairperson of the board of family run Sharif Medical and Dental College. Maryam pursuing a PhD in Political science working on "post-9/11 radicalisation in Pakistan".

Maryam Nawaz has since 1997 been the Chairperson of Sharif Trust, Sharif Medical City and Sharif Education Institutes. She takes a keen interest and is directly involved in the working of Sharif Trust and its allied institutions including Sharif College of Engineering and Technology, Sharif Education Complex, Sharif Model Schools for Boys and Girls, Sharif Medical and Dental College, Sharif Institute of Technology and Islamic Centre.

She is now a leader of PML-N and is also described as the new face of the PML-N political party.



Dr. Sameeha Raheel Qazi

Dr. Sameeha is a PhD in Islamic Studies and a former member of National Assembly. She is President Women and Family commission (Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan), Vice President Political Cell (Jamaat-e-Islami Women Wing). She is also the Assistant Secretary General International Muslim Women Union (IMWU) Asia, an

NGO, Chartered by the United Nations Organization bearing Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) status, the largest consortium representing Muslim Women from 70 Countries. She serves in various initiatives and organizations to serve women across the country and the world.



Sharmila Farooqi

Sharmila Farooqi is a female politician from Karachi, Sindh. She was born on January 1, 1978, in Karachi. She served as the advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh, Information and Media. She is daughter of Usman Farooqi, who was a bureaucrat and former

Chairman of Pakistan Steel Mills, also a well-known confidante of President Asif Ali Zardari. Sharmila Farooqi earned her Master of Business Administration from the Adamson Institute of Business Administration and Technology, Karachi and a Master of Laws degree.



Shireen Mazari

Shireen Mazari is a politician, journalist and defense analyst. She is Central Information Secretary of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf. She is member of National Assembly on reserved seats for woman on PTI Ticket. She received her B.Sc (Honours) from the London

School of Economics and Political Science and a Ph.D in Political Science from Columbia University, New York. She worked as the editor of The Nation newspaper. Shireen Mazari formerly was an Associate Professor and then Chairperson of the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies at the Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

Sports



Kiran Khan

Kiran Khan is a Pakistani female swimmer. Kiran Was born on December 21, 1989 at Lahore. She has represented Pakistan on many International forums namely Asian games at very young age. Kiran Khan has swam for the Pakistani team in the Asian Games

as well as the Commonwealth Games, in addition to several other international swimming meets including the 2008 Summer Olympics. Kiran Khan won six silver and two bronze medals at Islamabad 2004 and another two silver and six bronze at Colombo 2006. After this performance she was named "Golden Girl" She revised Tamgha-E-Imtiaz in 2012.



Naseem Hameed

Naseem Hameed is a Pakistani athlete. She was born on 1st May, 1988, in Karachi. The 22-year-old Nasim Hameed became South Asia's fastest woman by winning the 100-metre in the South Asian Federation Games (SAF) in Dhaka.

Naseem Hameed is Pakistan's first female athlete to win the sprint in the competition's 26 year history. Due to her hard work and determination, Naseem became an inspiration to women all over Pakistan who wants to pursue a career in Sports.



Sana Mir

Sana Mir is a Pakistani cricketer. She was born on 5 January, 1986, at Abbottabad. Sana is currently Captain of Pakistan Women Cricket team. She played her first One Day International Match against Sri Lanka in 2005 at Karachi She is an all rounder.

She is a right handed batsman and leg-break bowler. She is also the only Pakistani to be in the top 20.



Sadia Gul

Sadia Gul born in 1998 hails from Bannu. She is Pakistan Color Holder, Pakistan Junior No.1 and also Senior National Champion Squash. Three times Asian Junior (Silver Series) Squash Champion. She is the youngest Squash player with ironic ambition to

become World Champion. The Great World Champions (1) Jahangir Khan, (2) Jansher Khan, (3) Jonathan Power and (4) Qamar Zaman have recognized/ appreciated her performance/ achievements at this younger age. She was honored with U.N. Award for "An Inspiration of Girls" in the same prestigious gathering where Malala Yousafzai was given UN Award for "Peace". Best Athlete from KPK has won Best Player of the Year Award 2012, 2013 and 2014. She has represented Pakistan in Jordan, South Korea, Kish Ice-land (Iran) and India at this younger age and has made the nation proud for having such a talented/ brave daughter. She needs prayers of the nation to become the youngest World Champion Squash.

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Samina Khayal Baig

Samina Khayal is the first Pakistani woman and the third Pakistani to climb Mount Everest. She is also the youngest Muslim woman to climb Everest, having done so at the age of 21. Samina is also the first Pakistani woman and the first Muslim to climb the seven summits. Baig comes from Shimshal village in Hunza Gojal, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan, and was trained in mountaineering from the age of 15 by her brother, Mirza Ali. She is a student of Arts and began climbing when she was merely four years old. Besides the Himalayas, Baig has been employed as a mountain guide and expedition leader in the Hindu Kush and the peaks of Karakoram. Baig has been a professional climber since 2009

Entertainment



Frieha Altaf

Frieha Altaf is a leading Pakistani choreographer, designer and entrepreneur. She started off her career in the mid 80s as a fashion model. She is the pioneers of Pakistan's fashion industry. She introduced several fashion icons in the fashion industry like Vaneeza Ahmad, Sonia Khan, Shomail, Sana Safinaz, Karma and Nomi Ansari. Frieha also worked in some television plays. Her first play was Rozi from PTV where she performed the leading role with co-star Moin Akhtar. Presently, she runs her own production house named Catwalk Production and Event Management Company by the name of Catalyst in Karachi. She is also involved in model management and wedding planning. Frieha Altaf is also the Executive Producer and Creative Director of Lux Style Awards every year.



Mehreen Jabbar

Mehreen Jabbar is a famous Pakistani film-maker who started off her career through small screen and carved a niche for herself and even won hearts through her silver screen debut - Ramchand Pakistani. She was born on December 29, 1971 in Karachi. Daughter of Javed Jabbar, Mehreen began her career in TV under the banner of TasVeer Productions. She gave Pakistani TV some of its best plays to date like Ab Tum Ja Sakte Ho, Harjai, Farar, Putli Ghar, Doraha, Kahaniyan, Malaal, Daam, Vasi, Rehai and the currently running Jackson Heights amongst others. Mehreen has been a member of the National Board of Film Censors in Karachi and is also a part of the advisory board of South Asian Academy of Motion Picture and Television (SAAMPT).



Sania Saeed

Sania Saeed is a Pakistani actor and host. She first appeared on television in a street theatre play, televised for 8 March, for the program Aadhi Duniya in 1989. The play was Aurat. She then appeared in Haseena Moin's serial Aahat, directed by Sahira Kazmi, followed by Anwar Maqsood's Sitara Aur Mehrunissa, which shot Sania to her stardom in the Pakistani television industry. Sania has been working in theatre and television for over two decades. She won the PTV Award for Best Actress in 1991 as well as in 2011 and received four Lux Style Awards in the Best Actress category.



Sharmeed Obaid Chinoy

She made Pakistan win its first oscar through her documentary 'Saving Face', highlighting a very solemn crime undertaken in Pakistan, showing the lives of two acid-attack survivors. The issue raised by her was appreciated internationally. She helped pave the path for women in the field of arts and culture.



Zeba Bakhtiar

Zeba Bakhtiar is a Pakistani film and television actress, and television series director. She made her television debut with a PTV drama play, Anarkali. She gained a lot of fame through her Bollywood debut, Henna. Currently, she has ventured into big screen and produced the hit movie from last year Operation 21.

Public Service



Asma Jahangir

Asma Jahangir is a leading lawyer and a human rights activist. She was born on January 27, 1952 in Lahore and completed her graduation from Kinnaird College Lahore. Later, she did her LLB from Punjab University. Asma Jahangir was the President Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan 2010 - 2011. She served as the UN Special Rapporteur on Extra Judicial, Arbitrary and Summary Executions. She is also the Chairperson of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. She has spent her career defending the women rights, rights of religious minorities and children in Pakistan. Asma Jahangir is the author of many publications and 2 books. She also received Hilal-i-Imtiaz in 2010.



Ayesha Farooq

Ayesha Farooq, at a young age of 27, is a female Pakistani fighter pilot. Ayesha is from the city of Bahawalpur and is one of the five women who have become pilots in the Pakistan Air Force. Flight Lieutenant Ayesha Farooq, is the first of six female fighter pilots in the force to pass the final exams to qualify for battle. She will now fly missions in a Chinese-made F7PG fighter jet alongside her 24 male colleagues in Squadron 20.



Jalila Haider

Advocate Jalila Haider, the emerging leaders of Pakistan Fellow 2014, representing Balochistan Province, is a female attorney. She specializes in defending women's rights and provides free counseling and legal services to poverty-afflicted women on fair justice, extra-judicial killing, domestic violence, marriage disputes, sexual harassment, and property rights. As a human rights defender, she pleads for human rights and raises her voice against the forced disappearance and extrajudicial killing of missing persons and genocide of minorities of Pakistan. Jalila is also an active member in the National Commission of Justice and Peace, working to enact personal laws for minorities in Pakistan.



Muniba Mazari

Muniba Mazari is a wheelchair bound artist. She believes in playing with vibrant colors and flawless portrayal of true emotions. Her work speaks her heart out and is all about people, their expressions, dreams and aspirations. Although wheelchair bound, her spirit and artistry knows no bounds. In fact she takes the agony of spinal cord injury as a challenge and is more determined to express her sentiments through her art work. While doing her Bachelor in Fine Arts she met a road accident which made her paraplegic. Currently, she is running her brand by the name 'Muniba's Canvas' with the slogan 'Let Your Walls Wear Colors' and her medium is Oil Pastels. She believes in depicting the ethnic jewels of her region in an abstract way. Her paintings give the message of living life and represent the real personality of the artist.



Sania Nishtar

Sania Nishtar is a Pakistani, Former Federal Minister of Education & Training, Science and Technology, Information Technology and Health, Physician cardiologist, author, health science writer, science administrator, thinker, peace builder, key health policy voice, prominent Pakistani woman, member of advisory groups and boards, Founder and President of NGO think tank Heartfile, Heartfile Health Financing and Pakistan Health Policy Forum. Nishtar is the recipient of Pakistan's Sitara e-Imtiaz, a presidential award, the European Societies Population Science Award, and the First Global Innovation Award by the Rockefeller Foundation. She was admitted to the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in Toledo, Ohio in 2011.

Social Welfare



Bilquis Edhi

The name Bilquis Edhi is synonymous with philanthropy and humanitarian work. Wife of Abdull Sattar Edhi and recipient of Hilal e Imtiaz, Bilquis Edhi is a professional nurse and runs Bilquis Edhi Foundation that helps the poor and the needy. Her charity runs many services in Pakistan including a hospital and emergency service in Karachi. Together with her husband their charity has saved over 16,000 unwanted babies. She along with her husband received the 1986 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service. She has been recognised by a number of governments and have been praised for her selfless contributions towards the society.



Musarrat Misbah

Musarrat Misbah, a beautician-turned-supposed philanthropist has been honored with the President's Pride of Performance Award, at a time when the government's own agencies are investigating into her alleged embezzlement of funds. Also, the principal Italian donor of her NGO, Depilex Smile again Foundation, has stopped funding under the same allegations, demanding her of providing details of the hefty grants already sanctioned. Musarrat Misbah has got diplomas from ITEC, SEPTEC, CEDESCO, British Electrolysis Association, WFSHS, IPB and Barbara Solomone Conservatory. She has also been an international examiner for different beauty examination boards. Musarrat Misbah inspired many around the world to contribute to her foundation; Depilex Smile Again Foundation. The foundation was set up to help women disfigured by acid burns.



Nigar Ahmed

Ms. Nigar Ahmad is one of the pioneers of women's movement in Pakistan. She is Founder and Executive Director of Aurat Foundation, a civil society organization working for women's empowerment. Under her stewardship for the last 29 years, Aurat Foundation has emerged as the leading national women's rights organization in Pakistan. She led the women's movement for a range of causes, from generating debate across the country about women's political, social and economic empowerment and mobilizing women candidates for national, provincial and local government elections. As researcher, Nigar has extensively investigated the situation of grassroots women in Pakistan. She has also researched tenant-landlord struggles in Pakistan and co-authored a study on the life of rural women in Punjab.

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Dr. Ruth Pfau

Born in 1929, Dr. Ruth Katherina Martha Pfau is a German nun and a member of the Society of Daughters of the Heart of Mary who has devoted the last 50 years of her life fighting leprosy in Pakistan. In 1996, Pakistan was declared by the World Health Organization to have controlled leprosy, one of the first countries in Asia to achieve this goal. Ruth Pfau is recognised in Pakistan and abroad as a distinguished human being and has been awarded many prizes and medals. Sister Pfau received the Hilal-i-Pakistan award for her work with leprosy patients. In 2010, she was awarded the high civil award of Nishan-i-Quaid-i-Azam for public service. For her efforts and selfless work, she is also often termed as Mother Teresa of Pakistan.



Tanzila Khan

Tanzila Khan was born with deformity in her both legs and belongs to a landlord family. She is wheelchair bound since birth. At 16, she launched herself with her first novelette, 'A story of Mexico' and then sold her novel to aid the earthquake victims of Pakistan. Her second novel is, 'The Perfect Situation'. She also works for education, entrepreneurship and disability rights. She has worked with British Council, Global Change-makers, Oxfam, and Y-peer as a trainer and resource person for youth. She inaugurated her own production Company, 'Creative Alley' which is to provide youth a platform. Her signature workshop is, 'Let's get M.A.D (Make a Difference)' which is a youth capacity building workshop. She currently speaks on many International forums about peace and harmony.

Arts & Literature



Bapsi Sidhwa

Bapsi Sidhwa is an English writer of Pakistani origin. She was born in 1938 at Karachi. She currently resides in Houston, Texas. Her five novels: Cracking India, The Pakistani Bride, The Crow Eaters, An American Brat, and Water, have been translated and published in several languages. Her books have also been adapted into films. 1947 Earth was her story, Ice Candy Man while Deepa Mehta's Water was based on Bapsi Sidhwa's Water: A Novel. She was awarded the Sitara-e-Imtiaz by the Government of Pakistan and also received awards from America, Germany, England and Italy.



Fatima Bhutto

Fatima Bhutto is a Pakistani writer and is the grand daughter of Ex President and Prime Minister of Pakistan Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Fatima is daughter of Mir Mutaza Bhutto. She was born on 29th May 1982 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Fatima completed her BA degree in Middle Eastern studies from Barnard College of Columbia University after receiving her secondary education at the Karachi American School. She then earned a Masters degree in South Asian Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. She published a volume of poetry at the age of 15. It was actually in memory of her father and was printed a year after his death. The name of the book was "Whispers of the Desert". She also published a collection of survivor's accounts from the October 8, 2005 earthquake in Pakistan titled "8:50 am".



Kamila Shamsie

Kamila Naheed Shamsie, born on 13th August 1973, is a Pakistani novelist who writes in the English language. Shamsie is the daughter of literary journalist and editor Muneza Shamsie, niece of Attia Hosain and granddaughter of the writer Begum Jahanara Habibullah. She has a BA in Creative Writing from Hamilton College, and an MFA from the MFA Program for Poets & Writers at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She has written a number of books like In the City by the Sea, Salt and Saffron, Kartography (2002), Broken Verses (2005), Offence: the Muslim case (2009), Burnt Shadows (2009) and A God in Every Stone. In 2010, Shamsie won an Award from the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards. In 2013, she was included in the Granta list of 20 best young British writers. She is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.



Kishwer Naheed

Born in 1940, Kishwar Naheed is a feminist Urdu poet from Pakistan. She has written several poetry books. She has also received awards including Sitara-e-Imtiaz for her literary contribution towards Urdu literature. Naheed has served as Director General of Pakistan National Council of the Arts. She also worked and edited a literary magazine Mahe Naw. She established Hawwa organisation, providing women financial opportunities to start up their small scale businesses. Kishwar has written six collections of poems between 1969 and 1990. Her first poetry collection Lab-i goya was published in 1968, that won the Adamjee Prize of Literature.



Salima Hashmi

Salima Hashmi is an acclaimed Pakistani artist, cultural writer, painter and an anti-nuclear weapon activist. She taught at Pakistan's prestigious National College of Arts (NCA) for about thirty years and served as the principal of NCA for four years. She is the eldest daughter of one of Pakistan's most renowned poets, Faiz Ahmed Faiz. She represents the first generation of modern artists in Pakistan who carry an artistic identity different from indigenous artists. She has organised several international art shows in England, Europe, US, Australia, Japan and India. In 2001, Salima Hashmi also authored a critically lauded book titled "Unveiling the Visible: Lives and Works of Women Artists of Pakistan".

Education



Dr. Farhat Hashmi

A renowned Islamic Scholar, Dr Farhat Hashmi is today seen as an iconic figure, responsible for helping generations of Muslims develop a personal, one on one relationship with the Quran. She is considered as one of the most influential contemporary Muslim scholars (Ulema) today. As an orator, her lectures and talks, based on authentic knowledge, are known to touch the hearts of millions, as every word she speaks is from the heart. Personally, she considers herself an "eternal student and servant of the Quran" and, more than an icon, orator or scholar, prefers to be simply called a "Muallim" (teacher).



Khadija Mushtaq

Khadija Mushtaq is a leading academican and the driving force behind the phenomenal success of Roots. Khadija's affiliation with the education sector is as old as the 26 year long legacy of this prestigious institution. However, for the last 16 years, she has been very passionately committed to the cause of providing world class educational opportunities for the youth of this country. As the Director of Roots School System and CEO of Roots IVY International Schools, Khadija has revolutionized the concept of education starting from early years of schooling to university education and beyond. As an MSc in Economics with specialization in Development Studies & Monetary Policy from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan; Khadija began her career as a teacher.



Malala Yousafzai

Born in 1997 in Swat Valley, Malala Yousafzai is the youngest ever and the first Pakistani female to win a Nobel Prize. She is a Pakistani activist mainly known for human rights advocacy for education, especially for girls. She started off as a blogger at a young age of 11, she shook the world through the stories of Taliban in her hometown. This brought her into the limelight and made her an advocate of female education. She went through hardships and even escaped an assassination attempt but she stands firm in her beliefs and cause. At this young age, she has received a number of awards and accolades like International Children's Peace Prize, National Youth Prize, Sitara e Shujaat, Anne Frank Award for Moral Courage, Pride of Britain, Ambassador of Conscience Award etc. Malala is truly an inspiration to not just the people of Pakistan but the entire world.



Nasreen Mahmud Kasuri

Nasreen Mahmud Kasuri is the Chairperson of the Beaconhouse Group. It is hard to imagine that Beaconhouse had its beginnings in a small nursery set up by Mrs Nasreen Mahmud Kasuri in 1975 and is now one of the largest school systems in the world. Nasreen Kasuri has also played a pivotal role in women's empowerment in the country. Sixty-two per cent of Beaconhouse employees are women, with a very high percentage in upper management. She has served on the Boards of many government and non-government organisations. Actively involved in a number of non-profit and charity organisations, she received the 'Sitara-e-Eisaar' from the Government of Pakistan in 2006 for her philanthropic & humanitarian contributions.



Riffat Mushtaq

Mrs Riffat Mushtaq (Aizaz-e Fazeelat) Chairperson/Founder of Roots School System, is an inspiring, dedicated and compassionate educationist. She laid emphasis on child psychology and developmental stages' training as all children have varying needs thus promoting an understanding of child psychology. She strongly believes in bringing out the best in a child by understanding and uncovering his/her hidden potential with love, care and encouragement. As a teacher, she had been practicing these approaches and remained highly effective and successful in developing wholesome personalities.

Business



Ameena Saiyid

Ameena Saiyid OBE is the current managing director of Oxford University Press (OUP) in Pakistan. She became the head of OUP Pakistan in 1988, becoming the first woman to ever head a multinational company in Pakistan. In 2005, she became the first Pakistani woman to be awarded the Order of the British Empire for her services to women's rights, education, and intellectual property rights in Pakistan, and to Anglo-Pakistan relations. She is also the founder of the Karachi Literature Festival.



Maheen Khan

Maheen Khan, one of the leading fashion designers of Pakistan is a woman of substance in her looks, style, mannerism and above all creativity. A fashion designer for more than 40 years, she has won numerous awards nationally and internationally and has fashion labels like The Embroidery House, Maheen and Gulabo to her credit. Maheen has designed many costumes and embroidery for Hollywood films like Sweeney Todd, The Phantom of the Opera, Elizabeth, Elizabeth: The Golden Age and many others. She is also the CEO of Fashion Pakistan Week and has showcased her collection at the Milan Fashion Week where she got the title of Coco Chanel of the East. She also designed dresses for the famous celebrities like Benazir Bhutto, Jemima Khan, Ghinwa Bhutto, Princess Sarvath al-Hassan and Princess Salimah Aga Khan.

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Musharaf Hai

Musharaf Hai, Ex-Chairman of Unilever Pakistan, is the one of the most powerful women from Pakistan. She is the most prominent businesswoman in a country where women usually aren't allowed to shine. She is the first woman and only the second Pakistani

to head Unilever operations in the country. She is the former Head of Consumer Banking of CitiBank Pakistan and is the current Managing Director of Loreal Pakistan. Musharaf Hai joins a prominent list of women that have played a major part in the opulence and economic development of Pakistan. She was also included in the Fortune list of the World's 50 most Influential Women in 2004.



Nabila

Nabila has been associated with the fashion world for the past 20 years or so. She is a stylist, a beautician, an image consultant and a lot more. She loves experimenting and has won accolades for her innovative make overs. She was also the driving force

behind the Lux Style Awards; the most prestigious awards of Pakistan. Nabila has salons in Karachi and Lahore and her clientele includes actresses, actors, singers, sports personalities and of course models. Impressed by her professionalism, the L' Oreal a renowned French Cosmetics Brand has chosen her as their representative in Pakistan. Nabila is creative, imaginative and totally dedicated to her profession.



Sana Hashwani and Safinaz Muneer

Sana Safinaz is synonymous with fashion statement now. The label was established in 1989 by Sana Hashwani and Safinaz Muneer. The fashion empire has dominated the industry over the decades due to the timeless elegance and grace of its designs. The

label is know for its sleek, contemporary and streamlined cuts appealing to modern women of all ages. The chemistry of Sana and Safinaz is the real reason behind the marvelous designs of the brand. They are critical observer of the work of the other partner and that's how a perfect thing comes to us from the house of Sana Safinaz. They have won a number of Lux Style Awards for their contribution towards fashion.

Music



Abida Perveen

Abida Perveen is a renowned folk singer admired all around the world. Her songs like Dhundoge Ager Mulko, Dil e Nadaan, Main Naraye Mastaana, Ghazali, Raqs e Bismil are some of her amazing tunes. She is considered one of the finest Sufi vocalists of

the modern era with a career spanning over four decades. She was a judge on the musical show Sur Kshetra aired from Geo TV. Pakistan's second highest civilian award the Hilal-e-Imtiaz has also been bestowed upon her.



Sheema Kermani

Sheema Kermani is a Pakistani classical dancer, teacher, actor and human rights activist, whose prestigious theatre and dance company promotes the plight of women and suppressed minorities. In 2005, Sheema Kermani was nominated as one of the "1000

Peace Women from across the Globe", for the Nobel peace Prize. In 1979, she founded Tehrik-e-Niswan, which is widely seen as the cultural wing of Pakistan's women's rights movement. For over 30 years, she has staged plays in low-income urban and rural communities that touch on domestic violence, rape, child molestation, the claustrophobic fate of unmarried women and the importance of education for girls. Sheema has received numerous awards both nationally and internationally including the ACHA (Association for Communal Har-



Fariha Pervez

Born with a beautiful voice, Fariha Pervez was destined for fame. Fariha Pervez is a renowned classically trained singer who has achieved fame unlike anyone else. Her debut song Patang Baaz Sajna a.k.a Bo Kata became an instant hit. With the release

of her debut album in 1996, Fariha Pervez became a household name with Patang Baaz becoming her trademark song. Fariha Pervez joined Master Feroz Shagan of GwaliorGharana in 1995, and after that Fariha Pervez released her debut album 'Nice & Naughty' in 1996 which became an instant hit. Fariha was also one of the artists of Coke Studio where she gave mesmerizing hits like 'Jogi', 'Saiyaan Bina Ghar Soona', 'Miyan Ki Malhaar' and 'Jhoolay Laal.'



Hadiqa Kiyani

Hadiqa Kiani is a Pakistani singer and songwriter. She started off her career in 1995 with Raaz and did 5 music albums ever since then. She is one of the most versatile singers of Pakistan who revived the pop industry of the country. She has sung a number

of OSTs for drama serials that gained her success too. She was also one of the judges at the biggest music reality show of Pakistan - Pakistan Idol. She received a number of awards for her music career and has even received Tamgha e Imtiaz for her services in music.



Sanam Marvi

Sanam Marvi is renowned folk and Sufi singer. She sings in Punjabi and Sindhi languages. Sanam Marvi made her debut at 'Virsa Heritage', a programme on PTV. She was also featured in Coke Studio's Season 6, Episode 3. She performs Sufi concerts around the

world. In February 2011, she performed with Indian playback singer Rekha Bhardwaj at Times of India's Aman ki Asha at Chowmahalla Palace, Hyderabad. Sanam marvi made her Bollywood singing debut with Ali Zafar starrer London, Paris, New York, singing along with Hadiqa Kiyani and Ali Zafar.