



1500s

**1500s| Androon Lahore - Shahi Mohallah**  
Mughal period  
Origin of classical music, arts and dance performances in Lahore. Often performed in mehflis, kotha and private royal courts.

1799-1849

**1799-1849| Androon Lahore - Heeramandi**  
Sikh Period  
Market expansion and traders entering the area.

1849-1947

**1849-1947| Androon Lahore - Redlight District**  
Colonial period  
Anti-nautch movement or anti dance movement introduced by british colonisers also leading to segregation of brothels and policing of "red-light districts" and creating new moral zoning.

**2018| Androon Lahore - History by night Tour**  
Walled city of Lahore Authority  
It was launched to bring the fort's royal past to life, which includes enchanting, traditional Kathak dance performances under the stars at the historic Sheesh Mahal.

1947

**1947| Year of Partition**  
India and Pakistan as two separate states

1949

**1949 | Pakistan Arts Council/ Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts**  
Established shortly after Partition, Alhamra became one of Lahore's first formal institutions for music, theatre, and classical dance education.

**7-8 May 2026 | Alhamrah Kathak Festival**  
Pakistan hosted its first-ever Lahore Kathak Festival at the historic Alhamra Arts Council.

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