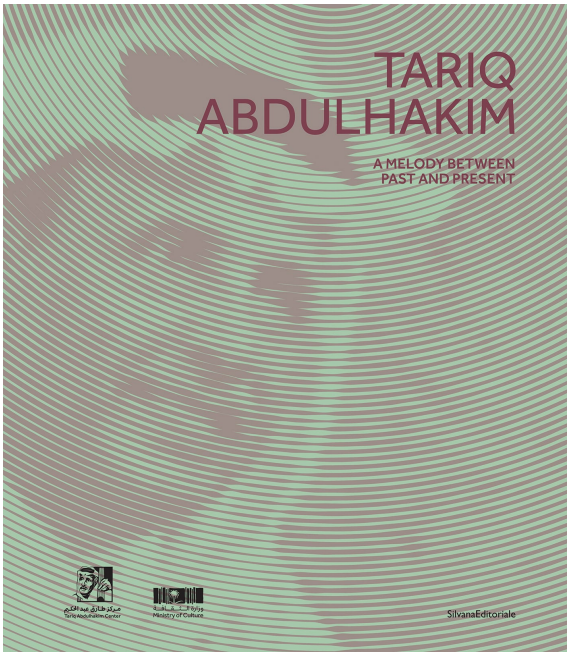
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In his honour, the Ministry of Culture has established a cultural centre that bears his name, aptly named the "Tariq Abdulhakim Center." This centre serves as a tribute to his remarkable legacy, offering visitors a comprehensive view of his life, personal possessions, artistic achievements, contributions to the evolution of military music, and his deep passion for both heritage and contemporary songs. It also houses a music research centre boasting an extensive collection of music archives from the late musician.

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