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Classical Music of India – The Yoga of Sound

featuring

Steve Oda – sarode **Ty Burhoe – tabla**

A rare opportunity to see two internationally renowned performers of Indian classical music, live in concert.

Steve Oda (Disciple of Ali Akbar Khan) performs on sarode – one of the shining stars of Indian classical music. Steve's deep knowledge of the tradition and his creative, joyous expression bring ancient yogic states of meditation into contact with the intensity of modern life.



Steve Oda

Ty Burhoe (Disciple of Zakir Hussain) presents inspired and exciting tabla playing. The tabla is one of the most complex instruments on the planet and is capable of producing an amazingly sophisticated and melodious voice. Ty's playful and expressive playing style invites the listener to "let go", and come into rhythm with the heart.



Ty Burhoe

~ Please join us for an intimate evening of Classical Indian Music ~

Two performances only in Melbourne:

Saturday 18th November and Sunday 19th November 2006
7.30 – 10.00pm. Tickets: \$25.
Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

The Art of Rhythm – Tabla Workshop with Ty Burhoe

Sunday 19th November 12noon – 4pm. \$50 (B.Y.O. Tabla).
Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

Bookings and enquiries: Chris Hooper Promotions 03 9844 5379
Online bookings: www.chrishooper.com.au.

November-December Events Guide

This section lists performances and events involving Living Traditions members during the coming month.

THU 2 NOV: Glen Kniebeiss (tabla) & Chris Sprague (surbahar) with Jenny Thomas (violin) & Sam Evans (tabla). Dante's Restaurant and Wine Bar, Cnr. Gertrude and Napier St, Fitzroy. 7.30pm. www.melbournemusic.info. Note: this is Chris's final performance for 2006 before leaving for an intensive study period in India. He will be back in February 2007.

SAT 4 NOV: SPREAD YOUR VEILS AND FLY dance workshop with Marina Bistrin. Exploring the use of veils in Flamenco, Middle Eastern & Silk Road dance. Uniting Church, 251 High St, Northcote. 1-3pm. \$30. Bookings essential 0438 580 889. www.dance-explorer.com.

SAT 11 NOV: DANCING WITH FANS workshop with Marina Bistrin, including influences from Spain and China. Factory 2, 39 East St Studio (Old Timber Mill), Daylesford. 1-3pm. \$30. Bookings 03 5348 3569. www.dance-explorer.com.

SAT 18 NOV: Classical Music of India concert with Steve Oda (sarode) & Ty Burhoe (tabla). Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill. 7.30-10pm. \$25. Bookings 03 9844 5379. www.chrishooper.com.au.

SUN 19 NOV: The Art of Rhythm – Tabla Workshop with Ty Burhoe. BYO tabla. Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill. 12-4pm. \$50. Bookings 03 9844 5379. www.chrishooper.com.au.

SUN 19 NOV: Classical Music of India concert with Steve Oda (sarode) & Ty Burhoe (tabla). Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill. 7.30-10pm. \$25. Bookings 03 9844 5379. www.chrishooper.com.au.

SAT 25 NOV: DANCING WITH FINGER CYMBALS workshop with Marina Bistrin. Bellydance focus. Factory 2, 39 East St Studio (Old Timber Mill), Daylesford. 1-3pm. \$30. Bookings 03 5348 3569. www.dance-explorer.com.

SAT 2 DEC: DANCING WITH SPANISH SHAWLS workshop with Marina Bistrin. Using triangular fringed shawls, exploring dramatic flamenco techniques. Uniting Church, 251 High St, Northcote. 1-3pm. \$30. Bookings essential 0438 580 889. www.dance-explorer.com.

SUN 3 DEC: Sanctuary Ensemble Concert for Contemplation. Sacred music, songs, ilahi's (Middle Eastern chants) and dance with the words of Rumi. Uniting Church, 251 High St, Northcote. 5.30-7pm. \$12/10.

TUES mornings: Marina Bistrin, Dance-Explorer classes. Rosanna. 0438 580 889. www.dance-explorer.com.

THURS nights: Marina Bistrin, bellydance classes – focus on Egyptian techniques, beginners level. Heidelberg. 7-8.30pm. 0438 580 889. www.dance-explorer.com.

Featured Artists – Glen Kniebeiss & Chris Sprague

'a truly creative and unexpected crossing of cultures.... when outsiders enter the world of traditional music there is always pressure to conform, to become a virtuoso clone, but these two Australians eloquently point the way forward' (fRoots magazine UK)

'an amazing performance.... out of this world' (Songcarver.com)

'intense, delicate and very, very moving' (Therese Virtue-'the Boite')



Glen Kniebeiss (tabla) and **Chris Sprague** (surbahar, oud, mandocello) have been strumming and hitting things together for over 9 years. During this time they have developed a strongly intuitive sense of musical communication and interplay which is a joy to experience. They perform on some of the worlds most beautiful instruments, and their music moves seamlessly from virtuosic intensity to delicately nuanced trance-like passages. Glen and Chris were drawn together by their shared love for eastern musical cultures, improvisation, minimalism and the common element of trance.

Glen and Chris have played many of the major **festivals** in Australia including: Melbourne International Festival, Port Fairy Folk Festival, Bellingen Global Carnival, Woodford Folk Festival, Apollo Bay Music Festival, the National Folk Festival (ACT), Fairbridge festival (WA), Jamberoo (NSW). They have also performed live to air on ABC Radio National, 3RRR, 3PBS, 3MBS, and Channel Ten TV.



Chris and Glen released the EP **Raga Malkauns** in 2006 and the CD **Resonance** in December 2003. Resonance received rave reviews in 'fRoots' magazine (UK) and is rated '4 stars... highly recommended' by indie-cds.com. Glen and Chris are featured on Ria Soemardjo's new album 'Sift' (2006), ABC Radio National's Music Deli compilation CD (2006), 'Aeroplane' (2006) and 'Manilamanila' (2005) by award winning Aboriginal group Yilila, and the ABC television documentary 'Beyond the Backyard' (2006).

For more information please visit Chris and Glen's website, www.MelbourneMusic.info, or email them at mail@MelbourneMusic.info. You can catch them live at Dante's Restaurant, Thurs 2 November (details above).

Living Traditions Committee vacancy

The Living Traditions Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 2 October 2006. A new Committee of Management was elected, comprising film-maker Kelly White, event organiser and networker Prue Cerin, and musicians Pin Rada, Peter Novotnik, Chris Sprague and Mark Planigale. The Committee has a vacancy for one additional member. Eligibility criteria include support for the Association's purposes, ability to work cooperatively with other Committee members,

ability to attend at least 4 evening meetings per year, and regular email access. If you would like to find out more or express your interest please email contact@livingtraditions.org.au.

Living Traditions Projects for 2007

Living Traditions is currently in a phase of planning future projects. We are seeking funding for a music and dance concert series to be held in the City of Banyule through 2007; chasing funding for the pilot phase of the Multicultural Music and Dance Directory, and for a compilation CD series featuring multicultural artists resident in Australia. Stay tuned for further details.

About Living Traditions

Living Traditions is a not-for-profit community organisation based in Melbourne, Australia. Our purpose is to foster and promote high quality, culturally diverse music and dance. Living Traditions creates opportunities for cultural expression through performance events, workshops, festivals, tours, recordings and other activities. We support innovative projects that bring culturally diverse art forms to a wider audience. We also support artists and practitioners of traditional, world and folk music and dance. Living Traditions celebrates diversity and promotes mutual respect and cultural openness.

If you support the aims of Living Traditions, we invite you to become a member. Memberships are \$22 (individual) or \$44 (organisation) per year. The membership form is at www.livingtraditions.org.au. We welcome your ideas and involvement.

About this Newsletter

Living Traditions News is the monthly email newsletter of Living Traditions. Its primary purpose is to publicise the activities of Living Traditions and its members. Events involving Living Traditions members are listed free; other events may be listed for \$5 per event. Larger advertisements may also be accepted; current rates are \$25 per half page, \$50 per full page. The newsletter currently reaches around 1,000 people. Living Traditions News is distributed on the last day of each month, for the following month. Email items for submission to newsletter@livingtraditions.org.au. The editors reserve the right to edit, include or omit items at their discretion. **Deadline for January edition: Weds 27 December.**

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