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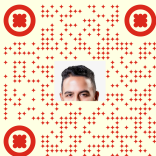


**RAVI DEO**

**ROY O DISNEY  
THEATRE**

**MARCH 15TH, 2025  
8PM**

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS



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# *Musical Program*

## ACT I

### PROLOGUE

*Ravi Deo, voice*

A musical invocation for peace with lyrics excerpted from the Dnyaneshwari.

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## IGNIS II

Music by Ravi Deo

*Jazmine Jendersee, voice; Bob Haoyu Wang, Bb clarinet;  
Rocco Lc Williams, vibraphone; Matthew Haramia, drum set*

With flames ascending, where do we go?

Ignis II builds on themes performed in *Radiance* (2024) in the aftermath of the 2025 Southern California Wildfires.

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# HORI KHELATA BRIJ SHYAAM

Music and Lyrics by Ravi Deo

*Aanya Pawar, kathak; Ravi Deo, tabla;  
Swara Seshan, voice; Chirag Dixit, sarangi*

Shyaam plays Holi in Braj today,  
My veil flutters, my glances sway.  
Blush awakens, colors arise,  
Shyness flickers the light of my eyes.

From where does this soft breeze glide,  
Brushing my skin, stirring inside?  
Who colors me now fully entwined?  
Was it my love's touch, or just my mind?

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## EXTREME

Music and Lyrics by Ravi Deo

*Jazmine Jendersee, voice; Ravi Deo, voice; Alex Taylor, tenor  
saxophone; Simone Summers, Bb trumpet; Thomas Wandborg,  
guitar; Rory Glassford, guitar; Adam Hernández, bass;  
Rocco Lc Williams, vibraphone; Matthew Haramia, drum set*

Seduced by our ego, how far will we go?  
Go deeper, go to the end, and fall again.

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# HEROES

Music and Lyrics by Ravi Deo  
Arranged by Thomas Wandborg

*Ravi Deo, baritone; Alex Taylor, tenor; Jazmine Jendersee, alto*

Who do you call when no one has the answer? Why do  
you hide inside you're not alone when you're alone.

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# COSMIC TREE

Music by Jonathan Friedmann and Ravi Deo

*Alex Taylor, tenor saxophone; Simone Summers, Bb trumpet;  
Thomas Wandborg, guitar; Rory Glassford, guitar; Adam  
Hernández, bass; Matthew Haramia, drum set, Ravi Deo, tabla*

In 1997, Ravi joined forces with like-minded Long Beach and San Diego based artists to form the esoteric space-klezmer band, the Rabbinical School Dropouts. Led by brothers Michael and Jonathan Friedmann, RSDO performed in a variety of styles drawing largely from experimental jazz, Afro-Cuban, Levantine, and Balkan musical forms. The band signed with John Zorn's Tzadik Records in 2004, and has been on hiatus since 2012. Tonight's program revisits Cosmic Tree with new melodic material.

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# ACT II

## RAAG MIYAN KI MALHAR

Madhya lay Bandish and Drut lay Tarana by Ravi Deo

*Eyvind Kang\*, viola d'amore; Ravi Deo, tabla*

Eyvind Kang presents an instrumental Hindustani solo in raag Miyan ki Malhar, a raag associated with the monsoon rains and a full range of emotions.

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## TEEN TAAL

Traditional and Original Compositions

*Ravi Deo, tabla; Chirag Dixit\*\*, sarangi*

Ravi Deo presents a tabla solo in Teen Taal, a 16-beat time cycle. This solo explores the taal through improvisation, theme and variation, and special compositions. Original lehera accompaniment on sarangi in Raag Bhairavi.

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\*CalArts Faculty

\*\*Guest Artist

# BIOGRAPHY

Ravi Deo is a musician, ethnomusicologist, and multidisciplinary creative artist dedicated to bridging generations and communities through performing arts. A foremost artist of the Pt. Bansilalji lineage, he has performed as a tabla soloist and accompanist across the U.S. and abroad.

His compositions span film, TV, theater, dance, and video game, and he has performed with the Pacific Symphony Orchestra. Deo also co-founded the klezmer band Rabbinical School Dropouts, touring nationally and releasing music on John Zorn's Tzadik label.

He is completing a Masters in Fine Arts at the California Institute of the Arts in Performance and Composition, focusing on improvisation, Hindustani music, and Indonesian performance. His studies at CalArts are generously supported by the Dr Rajeev Taranath Award, Remo Percussion Scholarship, and HASOM Dean's Grant.

Passionate about community building, Ravi approaches Hindustani music as a living tradition, fostering connections between emerging and established artists across disciplines.

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My gratitude to this wonderful audience!

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# UPCOMING CONCERTS

March 18th, 2025 Imagine India (Music Center Los Angeles)  
Killian Elementary School, Rowland Heights, CA

March 19th, 2025 Imagine India (Music Center Los Angeles)  
Shenandoah St Elementary School, Los Angeles, CA

March 20th, 2025 Imagine India (Music Center Los Angeles)  
Telesis Academy of Math and Science, West Covina

March 21st, 2025 Imagine India (Music Center Los Angeles)  
Hamlin Charter Academy, West Hills, CA

April 4th, 2025 Voices of Bhakti (Instagram Interview)

April 6th, 2025 Geet Ramayan (Maharashtra Mandal Los Angeles)  
Shri Siddhivinayak Temple, Brea, CA

April 24th, 2025 Rana Sara Maya (United Nations Oceans Conference)  
Recording in Valencia, CA

May 1st, 2025 Music of Bollywood and Beyond (UCLA)  
Guest Lecture in Westwood, CA

May 2nd, 2025 Raagmala (World Music Festival)  
California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA

May 3rd, 2025 Gamelan Burat Wangi (World Music Festival)  
California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA

May 31st, 2025 Gamelan Khjai Mendung  
UCLA Schoenberg Hall, Los Angeles, CA

June 14th, 2025 Gamelan Burat Wangi  
Indonesian Consulate, Los Angeles, CA

August 16th, 2025 Festival of Tabla (Bellare Arts)  
Soka University, Aliso Viejo, CA