



## The RAAD Quartet by Ravi Iyer

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**RAAD is a masculine name. This short, sweet name has various meanings, including “advisor,” “pioneer,” and “explorer.” Our music which comprises of predominantly original compositions with few relevant covers thrown in, is a groovy set crossing genres of funk, blues, rock Motown et al.**

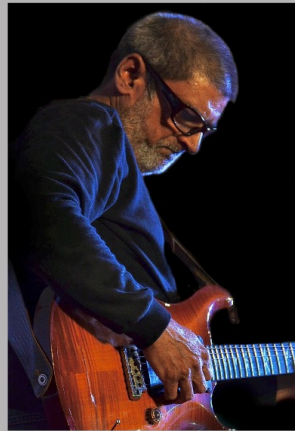
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# The Band Members

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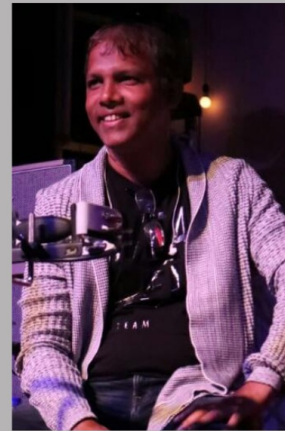
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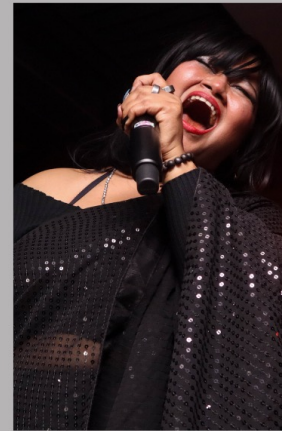
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# Ravi Iyer

## Songwriting, Composition & Guitar

*Ravi Iyer, a prolific artist who has been performing live on stage since the 90's is well-known amongst the independent music industry as a guitar player, music producer & educator.*

*He began with his formal music training starting with the Tabla (Indian Percussion) at the age of 7 under the tutelage of Shri Vasant Rao Acharekar (based out of Parel, Mumbai), and later during his teens he picked up the guitar under the guidance of Late Mr. Bismarck Rodrigues, Mr. Christopher Rodricks and Mr. John Timothy. He is grateful to them for where he stands today as a guitar player and a musician.*

*Having dabbled with various genres of music viz; rock, pop and fusion, he has won many awards for his compositions and has performed along with the who's who of the Indian music industry in genres of rock & fusion.*

*Apart from his personal band projects, he has had the privilege to share stage with stalwarts in the world fusion genres viz; Ustad Fazal Qureshi, Ravi Chary, joined on the finale of the prestigious Pashan Festival (Pune) along with Padmabhushan Vikku Vinayakram, performed on guitar duties with Ustad Fazal Qureshi, Sivamani, Dr. L Subramniam (Mumbai, Bangalore, Singapore & Egypt), shared stage with Louis Banks, Gino Banks, and many noteworthy artists.*



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## Ravi Iyer Contd...

*Back in the days, Ravi has been instrumental as a co-founder and lead guitarist of the popular band 'Witchhammer' during the early 90's and later formed his rock bands 'Vayu' and 'Para Vayu'. With his rock bands he has performed at countless number of concerts since the 90's, including prestigious college festivals, like Mood Indigo, IIT (during the 90's as well as recent years 2000's) Guwahati, NID Warangal, ITBHU, music festivals including the I Rock in the 90's as well as in the millennium year, corporate events, every club across the country and many more.*

*Ravi currently tours with his world fusion band viz: 'Alter Ego Guitar Fusion' (earlier known as Ravi Iyer Guitar Fusion) and has headlined at The Taehwa River Jazz Festival, Ulsan South Korea, Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, across clubs, corporate events and many more.*

*Apart from performing on stage, Ravi also has various commercial projects up his ally as a music composer & producer and runs his music academy which he has continued past 3 decades.*

*His influences range from Ritchie Blackmore, Deep Purple, Pink Floyd, the world fusion music of Shakti, Dr. L. Subramaniam, et al.*

*The RAAD Quartet reflects his compositions influenced by the genres of rock, funk, blues, Motown, world fusion and borderline jazz and is an amalgamation of each member of the band bringing their skills together to own and hone these compositions that leaves the listener in awe.*

**To know more about Ravi Iyer visit [www.raviyer.space](http://www.raviyer.space)**



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# Arvind Iyer

## Bass & Vocals

*Arvind's musical journey began with a year of mridangam training in school, followed by serendipitous discoveries singing in college and briefly embracing the guitar in his twenties. During a casual visit to a music store, the bass guitar's resonance captivated him, steering him towards a new musical horizon.*

*His eclectic taste draws from influences spanning Neil Peart's percussive prowess to Stevie Wonder's soulful melodies and the intricate compositions of Shakti. Toto's grooves, Dire Straits' finesse, and Pink Floyd's ethereal soundscapes all find a place in his musical repertoire. Not to forget the profound impact of virtuosos like Pino Palladino, Bryan Adams, and Sting.*

*For over a decade, Arvind has been the driving force behind the rhythm as the bassist and the soulful voice echoing through the melodies with One Night Stand. Beyond, he's lent his bass talents to an Indian classical fusion band and various standalone gigs, each performance a testament to his versatility and passion. Arvind is the strongest pillar of 'The RAAD Quartet' and his intricate Bass lines along with his vocal rendition own the compositions pointing to a new dimension.*





# Anthony Fernandes Drums

*One of the finest drummers with an ear for soulful grooves, a disciplined and diligent drummer, Anthony's contribution to the bands he performs with has stood the test of time.*

*During his formative years as a drummer, he has schooled under the tutelage of legendary rock & jazz drummer Lester Godinho.*

*Dave Weckl, Alex Van Halen, Neil Peart, Russ Miller, Jost Nickle, Larnell Lewis and Ian Paice among artist and Deep Purple, Van Halen, Pink Floyd, Rush and Snarky Puppy are the ones he looks up to for inspiration.*

*Music has always played a major role in his life and while he scouts talent for his Recruitment Consulting Firm designated as The Director, Anthony has always been performing with his rock bands ever since.*

*Anthony is again the strongest pillar of 'The RAAD Quartet' and holds the band and the compositions together in the most seamless fashion.*





# Dimple Cyrus Vocals

*Dimple Cyrus, aka 'Dizzy D' is a formally trained vocalist & vocal coach.*

*Very recently she has been honored with the Trophy viz; the notable "IC ICON Award" 2023-2024 for her remarkable growth in her field of music consistently.*

*Dimple is fondly addressed by her fans as the 'Queen Of Rock', a title that fits perfectly with the wide vocal range, dynamics, modulation, breath control and a rock-solid stage presence that she delivers. A moto she follows, 'Act like a 'Lady, Sing Like A Beast!'.*

*Dimple recently culminated her dream project, her very own band dear to her called 'DIMPSICAL', that received noteworthy reviews and love for her band. At its very onset, Dimple also featured Ravi Iyer as a guest artist to share stage with her. Dimple's contribution to The RAAD Quartet is unmatched and she brings out every composition with a new dimension and leaves the listener in awe.*



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## Dimple Cyrus Contd...

*The unfortunate lockdown period gave her more strength as a learning music producer, songwriter and to hone her skills for a stage ready act that can exude an adrenalin rush.*

*Apart from her own musical endeavors, Dimple has also been on vocal duties with India's leading music composer & singer, Leslie Lewis for his concerts in several cities and across the globe and many other International acts. She has had the privilege to open for the Bryan Adams concert in the year 2001 which was held in Mumbai.*

*Dimple aka Dizzy D has guested with several acts most recently and notably popular for her performance with Gary Lawyer and has been widely applauded for her rendition of the iconic masterpiece by Pink Floyd viz; 'The Great Gig in The Sky'.*

*When off stage, she spearheads the musical of the choir group at the IC Parish (Borivali) and imparts her music training at several prestigious schools and institutions.*





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