



**DIVINE MOMENTS FEATURING Pt.VISHWA MOHAN BHATT AND PT. SUBHEN  
CHATTERJEE**  
Sunday, September 18-2022

(1) This evening, APAI (Association of Performing Arts of India) presented a concert by Grammy award winner, Padma Bhushan Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt on the Mohan Veena accompanied by Pandit Subhen Chatterjee on the tabla at ArtServe Ft.lauderdale,FL on September 18-2022,. It was a two hour long interactive concert with something for everyone - the connoisseur, the layman and the first time listener. A 90 minute long presentation of Raga Puriya Dhanashri with a detailed alaap, jod and two compositions in vilambit (slow) and drut teentaal (fast) (16 beat cycle) was followed by a vocal as well as instrumental rendition of the famous ghazal in Raga Yaman Kalyan "Aaj Jaane Ki Zid Na Karo" set to 14 beat cycle Deepchandi taal(tempo). The concert concluded with enthusiastic participation in the form of rhythmic clapping by the concert attendees to Panditji's rendition of a popular song and a question and answer session between the artists and the audience.

Storytelling, humor and candid, spontaneous conversation created a warm bond between the artists and the audience. "Today is a very special day for us" said Smt. **Bharti Chokshi Ji**, Executive Committee President of APAI while felicitating the artists who are on a 24 concert US tour. Indianapolis and Boston will be among the last few cities to feature the artists.

**Shuchita Rao**

(2) Last night the Association of Performing Arts of India presented a concert at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale. Grammy winner Vishwa Mohan Bhatt on Mohan veena (slide guitar, modified by him as shown in the pics) and Subhen Chatterjee on tabla (a hand drum instrument) played for two hours. There was storytelling, much warmth and gentle humor as these two brilliant men played classical Indian music, answered questions from the audience, brought the audience into the performance with encouragement to both sing and clap along, and teaching of what they were doing in terms of beats and styles. Altogether a wonderful show. Congratulations to the artists and to Bharti Chokshi and the team at APAI for a lovely evening.

**David Keller**