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FEB 18, 2012 - PROGRAM REVIEWS

Raga Unveiled

(1) The documentary was very educational . . . a treasure and important collection of history, interviews, and understanding. The documentary was laid out in a very easy to follow format, though, one will have to watch it several times to catch so much information (this is not a bad thing though!) I do not mind watching a documentary on a subject. I enjoy many times and learning/experiencing something new each time.

Andrew Walloch

(2) The film was extremely educational. From a musicians standpoint this film did not necessarily teach anything new about Raga that I did not already know. This being said I personally found it to be an uplifting and powerful movie that always gives us musicians a much needed boost to continue forward in our quest to self-enlightenment. The movie is definitely not too long. I firmly believe that a presentation, of any kind, should not be watered down or condensed in order to satisfy the fickle masses. It is so important in our ever changing world to continue the musical traditions of the past and to preserve the tradition of its spirit. This is even more so for Classical Indian music in particular as it has been preserved in tact via the teacher/student process that is so crucial in keeping its original state. In our fast paced lives it seems even harder to participate in a teacher/student situation and is troubling as this has been THE key factor to Classical Indian music's preservation. There is no other music tradition that has maintained such a direct linkage to its ancestry and traditions. This music cannot die and must be preserved. If I can help preserve it by studying with a guru I will but so far this has not been my musical destiny. I hope and pray for this to change in the future but I am also certain that something as beautiful as Raga will never perish. And with organizations such APAI the south Florida community is sure to have continued enjoyment of such fine artists and films of and dealing with Classical Indian music. All my best.

Jesse Hale

(3) I thoroughly enjoyed the film. It was educational, mesmerizing and enchanting! Both Mr. and Mrs. Desai have worked very hard to put this valuable, cultural, educational data in a beautiful garland for us to enjoy and learn, Just fantastic!

Mohini Athavale

(4) It is really good to have a well researched educational tool like this new film. I will use it to help explain more about raga and Indian music. I may have an Indian Music party to view it down here:

What's really stands out were the prominent artists, performers and educators (gurus).

All the Best,
Vicki

(5) Namaste Bhartiji,

I wanted to thank you, Thank your husband, so much for having such a wonderful movie presentation. It was extremely educational, interesting, and enjoyable. I also wanted thank of course, Mukesh, and his wife, Geeta,

for making such a wonderful film. It's a real treasure. This tradition needs to and should absolutely be kept alive for all generations. I am also very much looking forward to attending the Sitar concert on March 24th with Anupama Bhagwat, and S. Lahiri.

Bahut bahut abhar
See you soon,
Russ Shane

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