

September 13, 2020 - PROGRAM REVIEWS

Enchanting Sound of Sitar and Tabla featuring Rajesh Ramoutar and Rajesh Bhandari

Bharti,

It is a mutual pleasure to meet you and your charming husband too! Thank you for the pics & the note! Very thoughtful & nice memento. Do keep me posted & I did tell "Anil" all about the experience there yesterday & how much we missed not having him with us! Thank you again & what a lovely program it was. It took me back to India & reminded me of all the amazing things India has to offer!!!

Kindly regards ..

Edward L Solomon

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Bhartiji,

I really miss being able to attend the programs that you organize. I'm glad to see that APAI continues to grow & flourish. You won't remember this, of course, but many years ago, we met at the main branch of the Fort Lauderdale Public Library. You mentioned, very quickly, that you were going to start a non-profit artistic organization. I remember noticing, then, that we had almost identical last names. But I now notice, more importantly, that I have benefited, educationally and culturally, from your hard work, many times.

I wish that I could do more, to help. You're doing really good work! All the best to you and to APAI.
Regards:
Nandan Choksi
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Bharti:
Please accept my heartfelt congratulations for your 21 years of monumental efforts in presenting Indian Performing Arts to the audiences in Florida. Your efforts are matchless!. Kind
regards Balwant Dixit
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It's not just that the music is magnificent. Of course it is. It's classical Indian music performed by excellent musicians. Anywhere in the world anyone would go to hear first rate classical Indian music, it would sound like this. What's remarkable is the organization that puts on these shows. Association of Performing Arts of India is a minuscule organization consisting mostly of a wife and husband in Ft Lauderdale Florida. They choose the programming, find the artists, and manage to bring them to south Florida. They manage the financing and apply for grants. And they charge very little, comparatively, for these amazing shows. I'm sure this is largely because they use

comparatively inexpensive venues. These shows are an amazing experience, and no one coming from anywhere would feel that it wasn't well worth the expense and trouble.

Fred Jonas