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# SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 - PROGRAM REVIEWS

## Ragas on Piano - Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari

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I want to thank you to everyone who came to the concert last night, it was an amazing evening seeing family, friends and fans of classical Indian music coming out to support our music. utsav Lal gave a great performance and is a wonderful young talent. We even had an impromptu encore performance. Of course many thanks to APAIART, Bharti Chokshi and Dr. Chokshi for organizing this event and for all the work they do for Classical Indian Music.:

- Rajesh Bhandari

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I thought the concert was fantastic! - maybe the beginning announcements could have been more focused- but bringing excitement to a form of classical music is wonderful. I would love to have him at our gallery if he comes to town again.

- Gregory Spiess, Steinway Piano Gallery Miami

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Indian ragas on Steinway & Sons piano by Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari on tabla. Lovely evening at NSU art museum with the association of performing arts of India and one world friends.

- Mariella Seier, Steinway Piano Gallery Miami

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Well done everyone, it was a great last night listening to two young and very talented musicians.

- Naresh Samlal

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Amazing Performance:

- Samar Abdulla

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I always get tears watching U perform !! Kudos to u following ur passion!! U r my rock star!! Blessed to have u in my life & to b my baby brotha!!! Luv u:

- Shahshi Bhandari

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Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari were amazing! Thank you Scott Miller for taking me to this incredible performance! :

- Pam Boteler

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The Ragas on Piano program was very successful. This was a surprise because the ancient Indian raga traditional music has never used the Western instrument. It proved to the audience members that innovations can succeed. The interplay between the pianist and percussionist was nothing short of genius. They created a complete musical conversation. If one listened carefully, the words could almost be heard passing between the two highly talented musicians. I sat transfixed for the entire performance. To think that I was very leery of ragas on piano. I was proven wrong.

- R. Richard Appelbaum

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What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari?

One of the best performances I have ever seen and heard. I had no idea piano can be used for Ragas. The Jugalbandi between the artists was awesome. They were jamming! It was a treat!

Q2: Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with APAI

Very satisfied

Q3: How likely are you to recommend APAI concerts to others

Extremely likely

Q5: How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future

Extremely likely

Q7: How organized was the concert event

Extremely organized Extremely organized

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Q1: What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari?

Both of them are such awesome musicians. I hope you bring them back again. Since Rajesh Bhandari lives here it self hope to see more of him.

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Q4: How did you hear about the Piano concert

From APAI e- mail

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Q1: What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari?

Very talented young artists - music was really nice - best wishes to both of them.

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APAI email

Q5: How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future?:

Extremely likely

Q6: Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: How organized was the concert event: Extremely organized

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Q1: What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari:  
both are accomplished artists, not having played together before, giving a wonderful performance. Being in sync with each other sparking the whole range of emotions of the appreciative audience

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Very satisfied

Q3: How likely are you to recommend APAI concerts to others  
Extremely likely

Q4: How did you hear about the Piano concert  
through your internet alerts

Q5: How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future  
Extremely likely

Q6: Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns  
good idea not having an interlude and breaking the energy flow

Q7: How organized was the concert event  
Very organized

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Q1: What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari?  
Nice location. good sound

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Very satisfied

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Q4: How did you hear about the Piano concert  
email

Q5: How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future  
Extremely likely

Q7: How organized was the concert event  
Very organized

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Q1: What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari  
They were having so much fun....so we were having fun ! It was superb.

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Very satisfied

Q3: How likely are you to recommend APAI concerts to others  
Extremely likely

Q4: How did you hear about the Piano concert  
from E-mail

Q5: How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future  
Extremely likely

Q6: Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns  
I think pre-planning and mixing "pure classical" venue along with some "popular" venue will keep audience happy. If we want more audience...we have to adopt. I can give you 5-8 popular songs based on "Yaman" that can be played within 10-15 min and would give the audience nostalgic feeling.

Q7: How organized was the concert event  
Extremely organized

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Quality of artists

Q2: Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with APAI  
Very satisfied

Q3: How likely are you to recommend APAI concerts to others  
Extremely likely

Q4: How did you hear about the Piano concert

Email

Q5: How likely are you to attend a similar event again in the future

Extremely likely

Q6: Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns

Promote more outside Indian community

Q7: How organized was the concert event

Extremely organized

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Q1: What do you like most about the performers: Utsav Lal and Rajesh Bhandari?

Very good young artists! Excellent performance. Haven't seen this type quality concert in long time...

Q2: Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with APAI

Very satisfied

Q3: How likely are you to recommend APAI concerts to others

Extremely likely

Q4: How did you hear about the Piano concert

E-mail from apai

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Kudos to both artists! They were awesome...

Q7: How organized was the concert event

Somewhat organized

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I know you and your husband and your friends put their heart and soul into arranging these concerts for all of us so THANK YOU to you all. Dr. Memon

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It was a wonderful event, Bharti ji. It was a pleasure to be part of the nice cultured team and help for a good cause. Would love to know about the survey responses and continue help the cause and promote the classical Indian arts. It was a pleasure meeting you all. Wishing all the very best, Dr. Krishna Vedala

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No need for thanks, it was a great concert. I am happy to hear local talent perform with such mastery.

- Salina

VERY talented artist. The complexity of the transposition into piano of the ragas is astounding. Combination of the piano and tabla is interesting.

- Brenda B.

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Thanks Bharti And thanks for bringing in such beautiful programs. I wish I could come more often!Hugs,

- Meena Sarin

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Dear Bharti, Namaste. Unfortunately, I do not have a radio show personally but I can get hold of someone that does that can be of assistance to you shortly. Please do keep up the extremely important work that you have been doing in strong support of Indian classical music and its rich culture in general. Best regards,

- Mike Singh

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