## **SEPTEMBER 9, 2006 - PROGRAM REVIEWS**

## Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia & Vijay Ghate

All of us in South Florida can rejoice in the fact that APAI is able to bring the greatest classical artists of Hindustani music to our area. We have been blessed with maestros of such stature as Shujaat Khan, Veena Sahasrabuddhe, Lakshmi Shankar, and Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, to name only a few; but the appearance of Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, the legendary master of bansuri flute, has inevitably taken South Florida to another level. Panditji brought his bansuri to the Broward stage and graced us with a recital of evening ragas that caressed the audience with hypnotic beauty. In the second half of the program, Hariji indulged requests from listeners as well, making this one of the most memorable musical events in South Florida memory. Many thanks to APAI for presenting such an outstanding program.

Peter Lavezzoli, author of "The Dawn of Indian Music in the West"

Thank you so much for the performance on Saturday evening. It truly was incredible. I had no idea what to expect and on all levels I was so impressed. On a personal level I enjoyed the music tremendously. It was amazing to listen to each piece develop as it progressed.

Of course, as an arts manager I continue to be impressed by what you have accomplished and the important contribution that you are making the cultural life of our community. In fact, I made a special comment at our board meeting this morning about your event

Mark Nerenhausen CEO Broward Center for the Performing Arts

We thoroughly enjoyed the show! They performed beautifully and it touched our hearts.

Meher C.

Thanks to all who worked to bring Pandit Chaurasia to South Florida. It was a glorious concert; the level of artistry, feeling and virtuosity were breathtakingly beautiful and sublime. We have been coming to the concerts from the beginning and appreciate all that you have done here.

Janet and David R.

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