

40TH ANNUAL

NAVARATRI Festival

Wesleyan University | Middletown, CT

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Music Department Colloquium

Building a Home: The First Half-Century of Music and Dance of India at Wesleyan

Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 4:30pm

Ring Family Performing Arts Hall (former CFA Hall) | **FREE!**

Ph.D. candidate **Joseph Getter** presents the historical background of Indian music and dance in the United States, the Wesleyan University World Music Program, and the Navaratri Festival.

Henna and Chaat

Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7pm | Olin Library Lobby | **FREE!**

Experience South Asian culture through henna art and sampling of *chaat* (savory snacks), hosted by Shakti, Wesleyan's South Asian Students' Association.



B. Balasubrahmanian: Vocal Music of South India

Friday, October 28, 2016 at 8pm | Crowell Concert Hall | \$12 A, \$10 B, \$6 C

Vocalist and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music **B. Balasubrahmanian** is joined by Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music **David Nelson** on *mridangam* and violinist **Sandhya Anand**.

Shenkar

Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 8pm | Crowell Concert Hall | \$28 A, \$26 B, \$6 C

"Some of the most daring, exuberant, and technically proficient improvisational music... has cascaded from the fingertips of Indian violinist L. Shankar."—*Downbeat*

Indian-born American violinist, singer, and composer **L. Shankar** earned a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from Wesleyan University in 1974, and co-founded the group Shakti with British guitar player John McLaughlin the next year. Shenkar has worked with Frank Zappa, Peter Gabriel, Talking Heads, Phil Collins, and many other artists. He returned to Wesleyan in September 2000 to perform with Zakir Hussain. More recently, Shankar has used a new stage name, Shenkar, and has created recordings under this name. Co-sponsored by Raga Club of Connecticut.

Saraswati Puja (Hindu Ceremony)

Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 11am | World Music Hall | **FREE!**

This religious service, led by **A. V. Srinivasan**, marks the most auspicious day of the year for beginning new endeavors. The audience may participate and bring instruments, manuscripts, and other items for blessing.



Nrityagram Dance Ensemble

Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 3pm | Crowell Concert Hall | \$28 A, \$26 B, \$6 C

"The ensemble mesmerized a sold-out audience with its artistry, energy, technique and beauty."—*Dance Magazine*

Internationally acclaimed **Nrityagram Dance Ensemble** from Bangalore, India brings its exceptional synchronicity, compelling physicality, and emotional honesty to redefine dance and theater through powerful imagery and captivating dance.

Photos of Nrityagram Dance Ensemble by Shalini Jain

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- A General Public
- B Senior Citizens; Wesleyan Faculty and Staff; Wesleyan Alumni; Non-Wesleyan Students
- C Wesleyan Students

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