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Purna Das Baul Academy



present

Purna Das Baul

"King of the Bauls"

with Dibyendu Das

Hemant Ekbote on tabla, Premanand Trikannad
on harmonium

Friday, April 11, 2003, 8 p.m.

University Center, Forum AB

University of San Diego, Linda Vista Road

General admission \$15 (advance purchase), \$18 (at the door);
CWM & PDBA members \$12; students/seniors \$10 (with ID);
USD students, faculty, & staff free (with ID)

Purna Das Baul represents a tradition of wandering minstrels whose songs of joy, love, and longing for mystical union with the Divine have universal appeal.

The renowned literary figure and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore owed much to Baul inspiration, calling them "the very soul of Bengal."

The Bauls took elements from devotional Hinduism, tantric Buddhism, and Sufi Islam and integrated them into a simple, natural, and direct approach to God that seeks to transcend established religious boundaries. It is their belief that love for humankind is the path leading to love of God. The ultimate worship of God takes place only deep within one's heart where the divine "Person of the Heart" is enshrined.

The Bauls' ecstatic worship and unconventional modes of behavior, such as wearing both Hindu and Muslim clothing at the same time, have given them a reputation as nonconformists. The Bauls sing as they wander, free as the wind. Their simple language, passionate rhythm, and sensuous dance steps speak directly to one's heart.

Purna Das is known for a singing voice of remarkable range, operatic power, and hauntingly evocative spirituality. His soulful, ecstatic song and dance typically brings audiences to their feet with enthusiasm. In India, his concerts draw crowds of many thousands.

Purna Das came to the US in the late '60s, invited by Allen Ginsberg and Bob Dylan's former manager. He has performed in 66 countries and shared the stage with the likes of Ravi Shankar, Mahalia Jackson, Joan Baez, Gordon Lightfoot, Bob Dylan, and The Band. The title Baul Samrat ("King of the Bauls") was awarded to him by the President of India. There is no way of describing the electric energy of a performance by Purna Das Baul. One just has to be there.

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