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## Ensemble-in-Residence



### SITAR AND TABLA DUO Indian Classical Music

**The Sitar and Tabla Ensemble** is a duo with Rahul Neuman playing *sitar* and Miles Shrewsbury playing *tabla*. The music the Ensemble presents is based on the classical tradition of *raga* and *tala* from North India: music that the performers have learned directly from their *gurus* (teachers). Because Shrewsbury and Neuman have extensive performance and teaching experience, performances and workshops are always tailored to suit the audience, along with explanations of the music and its cultural contexts. The goal of a performance and workshop with this ensemble is to present the music of North India in an entertaining and informative way so that the audience is engaged the entire time. Miles studied *tabla* in India with maestro Abhiman Kaushal and Pandit Nandkumar Bhaltouande. Miles has performed all over the world with many world-renowned musicians including Ustad Shujaat Khan, Yusef Lateef, Adam Rudolph, Bennie Maupin, and Hassan Hakmoun. Rahul Neuman began his *sitar* studies with his aunt, Sharmishta Sen, a senior disciple of Mushtaq Ali Khan, when he was just ten years old. For the last seventeen years, he has been a disciple of Ustad Shujaat Khan, son of the legendary Ustad Vilayat Khan. Rahul recently moved from Chicago where he has given numerous concerts, and is now based in Los Angeles.