

FROM INDIA TO AGGIELAND

Classical Indian singer performs tonight

By PUSHKALA RAMAN

The Battalion

Indian classical music takes center stage tonight in College Station.

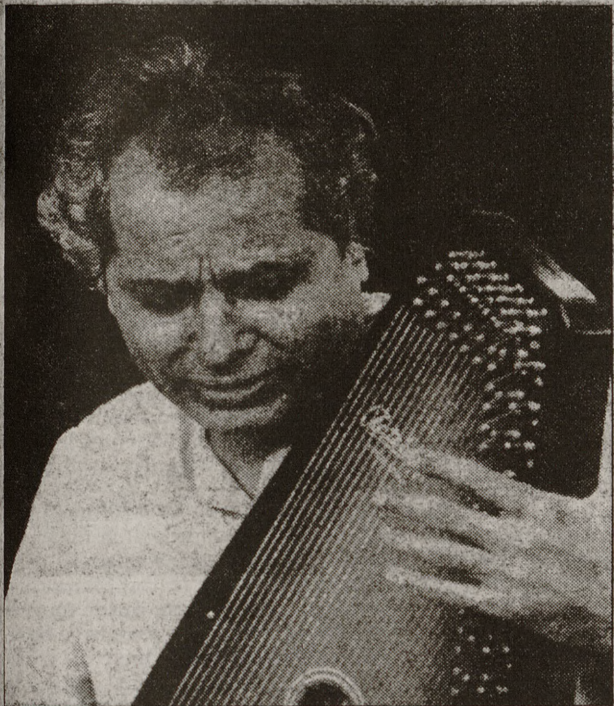
The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture amongst Youth (SPIC-MACAY) will present at 7:30 p.m. a Hindustani vocal concert by Pandit Jasraj at 201 MSC.

"Listening to Pandit Jasraj sing, is an intense emotional experience," said S. Padmanabhan, the President of the Texas A&M SPIC-MACAY chapter. "You do not have to be familiar with the theory of Hindustani music in order to appreciate Pandit. You can feel the music as you listen to him and you will be swept away into the world that he weaves for you."

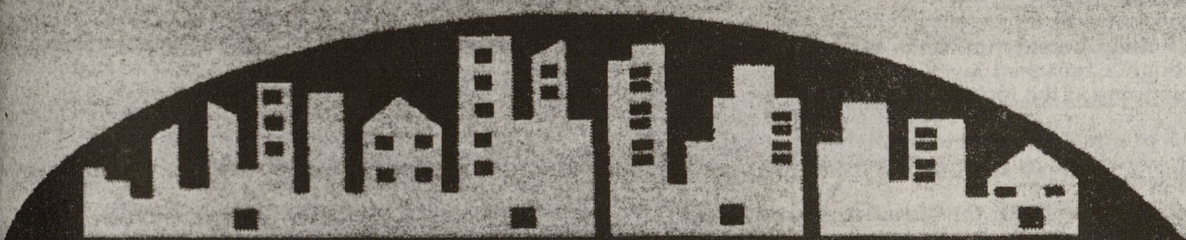
Jasraj is one of the foremost vocalists in the Hindustani or North Style of Indian classical music. Noted for his ability to sing in a wide vocal range, Jasraj's talent for creativity in elaborating rare ragas (combinations of notes) has made him extremely popular with the classical music loving audiences. He has performed the world-wide and is a Padma Bhushan award-winner, one of India's highest civilian honors.

India has two forms of classical music—the North Indian or Hindustani and the South Indian or Carnatic styles. The distinctive feature of Hindustani music is the freedom given to the artist to elaborate a particular raga.

Commenting on the mission of SPIC-MACAY, V. Rajan, the treasurer of the organization said, "Our effort is directed toward sharing the diverse cultural tradition of India with the student population and the Brazos community."



SPIC-MACAY will present a performance by Pandit Jasraj, one of the foremost vocalists in Hindustani or North Indian style of classical music. Jasraj is a leading exponent of Mewati gharana (school of music).



Around Town

Information is provided by the individual organizations. It is subject to change.

Dream. Starts at 7 p.m. on July 9 & 10, 2 p.m. on July 11.

Music:

Round Top Festival Concerts

Friday, July 9 - Adele Auriol, violin; Martin Lovett, cello and Bernard Faucher, piano. Playing Mendelssohn, Chalfouf, Henschel and Tchaikovsky. Starts at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 10 - Afternoon concert - Henschel String Quartet, playing Beethoven: Quartet in F. Op. 59, No. 1, Thouvenel String Quartet, playing Mendelssohn: Quartet. Starts at 3 p.m.

Evening concert - Thouvenel & Henschel String, playing Mendelssohn: Octet. Thouvenel String with Adele Auriol, violin; Martin Lovett, cello and Bernard Faucher, piano, playing Ladowski: Pas de Deux. Starts at 8 p.m.

Events:

Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater

Friday, July 9 - "Family Fun Night at the Movies." Free showing of the "Princess Bride." Starts at dusk. Concessions will be available. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome.

Imagination Station

July 9, 10 & 11 - Presents Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's

Exhibits:

MSC University Center Galleries

Chinese Snuff Bottles - Shown through August 29. 130 ornately carved & decorated snuff bottles from the 17th and 18th centuries. For information: Catherine Hasted, 845-8501.

"Slouching Toward 2000: The Politics of Gender." - Shown through August 31. Women artists dealing with feminine issues. For information: Catherine Hasted, 845-8501.

MSC Visual Arts Gallery

"Contemporary Czechoslovakian Photography." - Shown through August 14. Czech and Slovak photographers. For information: 845-9252.

MSC Forsyth Galleries

American Brilliant Cut Glass - From the Lone Star Chapter of the American Cut Glass Association. For information: Tim Novak, 845-9251.

Bill & Irma Runyan Collection - Paintings by American Masters. For information: Tim Novak, 845-9251.

Benz Gallery

"There's Something About a Garden." - Shown through July 29. Original paintings representing garden, nature. Presented by Brazos Valley Art League.

Local Color Gallery

Rebecca Roberts and Mary Stone - Shown through August 6. Collage and assemblage by Roberts, works on paper by Stone.

Pauly

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farmer father whose daughter Rebecca (Carla Gugino) goes from flannel nighties to fringed body suits after attending college in California. Rebecca's family, the stereotypical conservative farmers, receive quite a shock when she brings home her off-the-wall resident adviser, Crawl (Pauly Shore) for Thanksgiving.

At this point we were both begging for an ounce of originality, realizing we were about to suffer through the cliché backwoods hicks meet the cuffed moron theme.

Rebecca finds herself in a bind when her high school boyfriend, who she has been stringing along, proposes at the town country club. Crawl comes to her rescue by announcing he and Rebecca are engaged, much to her parents' dismay.



College boy Crawl (Pauly Shore, left) visits his girlfriend's Midwest family. Lane Smith (center) and Cindy Pickett co-star.

The two continue the fake engagement throughout the week as Crawl slowly endears himself to the family. Crawl charms the family with a

supposed innate goodness — a goodness hard to discern from the frequent sexual innuendoes and "Pauly lingo." The lack of originality became even worse when Crawl put on the denim overalls and white cowboy hat and attempted the "easy" everyday chores of a farmer.

Of course, the farm-hands try to discourage the city slicker with numerous pranks and intimidating body language.

But after a disastrous day of bailing hay and bouts with manure, Crawl outsmarts them by putting on his rollerblades and breezing through a day's work. The resourceful tactics coming from Pauly Shore were a little hard to swallow.

Nausea set in as Grandpa (Mason Adams) and the rest of the farm folks began adopting the Pauly lingo.

"Cool buuudddyyy" doesn't sound any funnier with a North Dakota accent than it does coming from Pauly Shore.

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