

University Events Office presents Ravi Shankar in concert

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The sitar is one of the most popular stringed instruments of India, and its most popular virtuoso, Ravi Shankar, will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium, at the University of California, San Diego.

Shankar, who wrote the score to the film "Ghandi," is the author of two concertos for sitar and orchestra, commissioned by the London Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic. Recently he wrote new music for flute virtuoso Jean-Pierre Rampal, violin-sitar compositions for Yehudi Menuhin and himself, and works for Hosan Yamamote, master of the Shakuhachi (Japanese bass flute) and Musumi Miyashita, Koto virtuoso.

Shankar lives most of the year in Delhi, where he teaches a few young talented students in the old guru-shysha (disciple) system. He is currently planning to present, in the near future, multi-media productions with traditional Indian themes.

Shankar will be accompanied by tabla virtuoso Kumar Bose. Bose was trained by his father, Biswanth Bose, who was himself a direct descendant of Pandit Mantah Maharaja, the foremost exponent of the Varanasi tradition of Hindustani classical music. Kumar Bose has been accepted as a disciple of Pandit Kishan Maharaja, the great modern tabla master.

Tickets for this event are available from TicketMaster outlets and from the UCSD Box Office. Prices are: general admission, \$12; seniors, \$10; and students, \$8. For more information, call the University Events Office at 452-4090.

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