

## **Experience Chingari – A Rare Evening of Carnatic, Jazz and Contemporary Fusion Music**

Music can transcend cultural barriers to speak a language that touches every soul creating a synergy of arts fostering global connection, as we saw in our recently concluded Jugabandi, an evening of world music, that celebrated the fusion of Indian Classical to soulful symphonies of Mediterranean jazz, where musicians from Indian and Italy took us on a sonic journey like never before.

In the next edition of presenting fusion music, we are continuing the form from where we left off by giving a contemporary twist to the classic *East Meets West* spectacle, which has always been a fascinating phenomenon that lights up the room and sets the temperature soaring! All you need is a *chingari!*

### **For Immediate Release**

**Royal Opera House Mumbai**, in partnership with **Avid Learning**, is excited to present "**Chingari – A Rare Evening of Carnatic, Jazz and Contemporary Fusion Music**, promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event, celebrating the rich heritage of Indian classical music and the infectious rhythms of Jazz. The evening will feature a unique and never-before-performed set, led by world-renowned *Producer, Composer, and Drummer Ranjit Barot*, paying tribute to the late *U Shrinivas ji*, with a stellar line up of artists such as **Vijay Prakash** on *Vocals*, **Mohini Dey** on *Bass*, **Arka Chakraborty** on *Keyboards*, **Abhay Nayampally** on *Guitar*, **Sridhar Parthasarthy** on *Vocals and Mridangam*, and the enchanting **Chandana Bala** on *Vocals*. The fusion of their styles produced music that is uniquely their own, yet celebrates the best of both worlds.

The concert pushes the boundaries of fusion music, seamlessly weaving together influences from both genres to create a unique atmosphere that captures the essence of both cultures highlighting their styles while creating a unique musical experience, something that is entirely new and original. The improvisational nature of jazz and the emotive power of Indian classical music combine to create a sound that is both captivating and inspiring, making it an exceptional event to attend.

The inspiration of compositions originally arranged, produced and composed by Ranjit Barot, stems from an intended musical dialogue between India and Africa, as the late *Mandolin Maestro U Shrinivas ji* and the bass guitarist and singer from France, by the way of Cameroon, *Etienne Mbappe* - came together to create their unique sound by blending their cultures through music.

Ranjit says, "*Mine has always been a search to find the meeting point of music from different cultures. When I heard Etienne sing, I 'felt' the music that I could create to feature him alongside the great mandolin maestro U. Shrinivas ji. The extraordinary musicianship. that U., Shrinivas ji and Etienne brought to the table enhanced that which I had imagined. I feel blessed to be a part of this experience and enjoyed making this album. It gives me great pleasure to present this music to you.*"

With a perfect setting, the Royal Opera House, Mumbai, with its rich history and grandeur, this unique musical collaboration between some of the most talented artists promises to be a perfect cocktail for music lovers of all ages and backgrounds for a memorable experience that will stay with attendees for years to come.

Being India's only surviving Opera House, we recognize the importance of leveraging our stage to showcase the beauty, skill and timelessness of our traditional performing arts while also exposing our audiences to multidisciplinary cross-genre experiences and fusion collaborations.

In this respect, we regularly strive to bring leading musicians and maestros, composers and conductors, vocalists and virtuosos from around the country and across the globe to our city!

This would be the second time we have the world's leading contemporary musician - Ranjit Barot and versatile singer Vijay Prakash on our stage. The first time he performed at Royal Opera House, Mumbai was in February 2020, just before the pandemic hit us. It was him on Percussions, Etienne Mbappé on Vocals and Bass, and Christophe Cravero on Keys. They brought to the stage a spontaneous combustion of jazz, world, funk, pop and rock music. Having performed at the leading music festivals across the globe, they represented many cultures, old and new. They collaborated with the rousing and ethereal voices of renowned Singers Hariharan and Vijay Prakash. These virtuosos came together to seamlessly blend sounds from across the globe and dissolve boundaries through music. Together, they showcased the beautiful interplay between traditional Indian music, Jazz and the melodies of Africa.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness a magical fusion of two rich musical cultures in one unforgettable evening!

**Where** - Royal Opera House, Mumbai

**When** - Friday, 2nd June 2023 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Tickets** - [www.insider.in](http://www.insider.in) | Rs. 299 onwards

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