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MUSIC FOR PEACE

CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL, SEPT 7, 2025



**2025 GRAMMY AWARD WINNER
CHANDRIKA TANDON LIVE
WITH MARTY ASHBY, MCG JAZZ**



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of AHINSA, it is with great joy and gratitude that we welcome you to this evening's concert featuring GRAMMY® Award winners, Chandrika Tandon and Marty Ashby. Tonight is not only a celebration of music but also a shared commitment to peace, nonviolence, and the building of a compassionate community.

Our Mission

AHINSA exists to create and nurture a culture of peace and nonviolence, promoting nonviolence as a way of life and as a chosen path for resolving conflicts. Through education, training, and service, inspired by the examples of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, and other peace leaders, we strive to advance peace, equality, and justice — fostering mutual appreciation, cooperation, and respect among diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious groups. Our work engages youth and adults of all backgrounds in Western Pennsylvania and beyond.

Purpose of This Fundraiser

- *Foster a Transformative Community Experience:* Uniting individuals from diverse backgrounds to explore inner peace, self-awareness, and universal spirituality through music.
- *Strengthen AHINSA's Peacebuilding Initiatives:* Supporting programs focused on peace, nonviolence, education, and youth empowerment across the region.
- *Establish the Gandhi Institute for Peace Education and Activism:* Building a lasting hub in Pittsburgh for intergenerational dialogue, education, and action grounded in compassion and justice.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

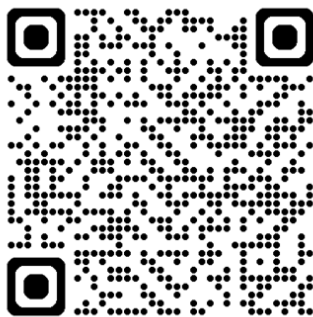
- Chandrika Tandon, for so generously lending her talent and time to make this fundraiser possible. We also will like to thank the Tandon team of musicians and support services who have worked behind the scenes to make this event happen.
- GRAMMY® Award winner Marty Ashby, of MCG Jazz, and his remarkable team — Mike Tomaro, Jay Ashby, Ian Ashby, and Jamey Haddad — for their creative vision and support for this unique fusion of music.
- Our generous sponsors and each of you, our attendees, whose presence and contributions make this evening possible.
- Our dedicated AHINSA volunteers, whose countless hours of service and commitment brought this event to life.
- Our valued partners: Carnegie Music Hall for hosting us, Benack Sound Productions for their expertise, Culinaire for tasteful catering, and other collaborators.

We are deeply grateful for your presence here tonight. We would appreciate your donations to AHINSA or volunteering with us. Together, through music and community, we take one more step toward a more peaceful and just world.

With gratitude and hope,
The AHINSA Team



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A Message from Chandrika Tandon

It is a deep honor for me to perform at this benefit concert for AHINSA. For many years, I have admired all of the work that sOm Sharma and AHINSA have done and continue to do for the advancement of peace, spirituality, and human enlightenment—all causes very dear to my heart.

This concert comes at an especially poignant time as I share songs from my brand new album, *Soul Ecstasy*, which is a series of compositions based on traditional classical Indian ragas with multiple rhythm patterns using Sanskrit words and texts, which was released just a week ago. My long-term collaborator, the sarod maestro Tejendra Narayan Majumdar brought together approximately 75 classically trained artists including Indian singers and additional maestros of percussion, flute, sarangi, shehnai, sitar, tabla, pakhavaj, and veena. In tonight's concert, we will excerpt some songs from this new album with a wonderful live band of musicians from my ensemble and the incredible MCG, and including every member of the audience who wishes to join in.

Every tradition of classical Indian music invites us to get in touch with our own divinity. Music has been the biggest instrument in my journey to finding my stillness and dedicating myself to a life of service. The albums I have released over the past decade are built upon this, and *Soul Ecstasy* takes it one step further by nourishing the radiance in our hearts to become ecstatic. I hope all of us can find the radiance within and help make the planet a better place.

My wish is that each of you will listen to this music, join me with an open heart, and strengthen your own source of inner light. Tonight, I invite all of us to stay in a space of deep quiet as a community to repose in our own places of love, light, and laughter.

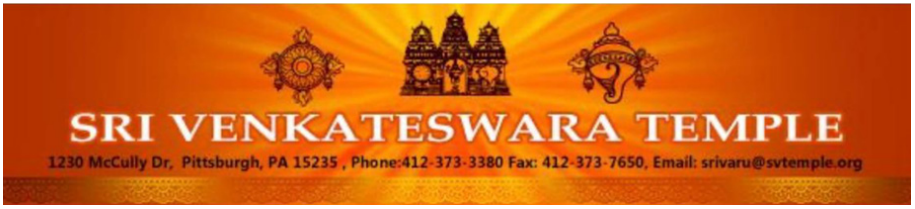


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The Program

Song of Beginnings
“Shivoham”

Call of the Dawn: Govinda
“Soul Ecstasy”

Chorus of Joy: Yamani Bilawal
“Soul Ecstasy”

Raghupathi Raghava — Mishra Ghara
“Soul March”

Raghupathi Raghava – Jog
“Soul March”

Canto Divino: Kiravani
“Soul Ecstasy”

Song of Compassion
“Shivoham – The Quest”

Nirvana Shatkam
“Unreleased”

Song of Destruction
“Shivoham – The Quest”

Glory Rising: Todi
“Soul Ecstasy”

Ensemble Includes

Erez Aviram, Keyboard
Gilad Barakan, Guitar
Jay Gandhi, Flute
Ehren Hanson, Tabla
Shankh Lahiri, Tabla
Kedar Naphade, Harmonium
Saumya Dwivedi, Voice
Devi Majeske, Voice
Dhruvin Shah, Voice
Andrew Shantz, Voice
Abhilasha Sinha, Voice

MCG Jazz

Marty Ashby, Guitar
Ian Ashby, Bass guitar
Jay Ashby, Trombone & Percussion
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Mike Tomaro, Saxophone

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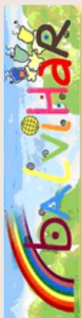
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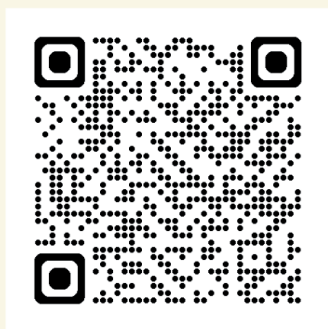
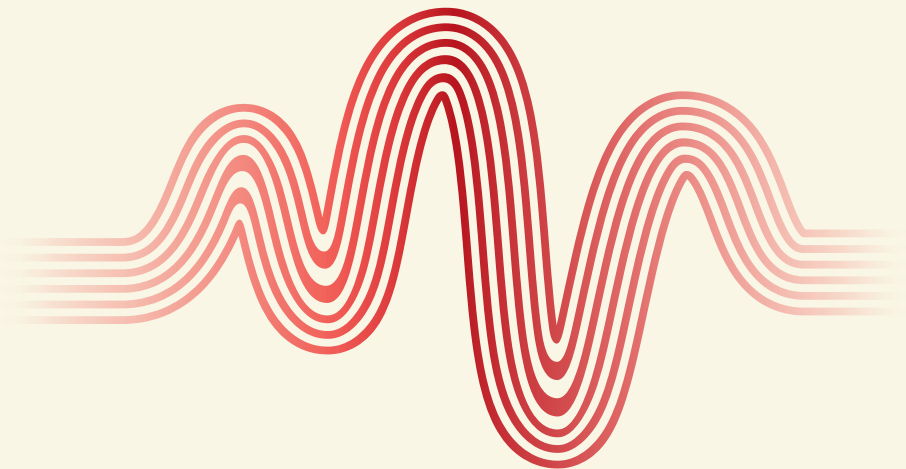
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