

MUSIC LEARNING & DISCOVERY COURSE – OUTLINE

July 6 – 12, 2009 / East-West School of Music at Ananda Ashram
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PURPOSE:

1. The week-long Music Learning & Discovery Course is designed to help the music enthusiasts of all levels to discover their own talents of music making.
2. To build a strong musical foundation and develop capabilities, which could be very well applied to enrich any kind of music.
3. To impart to the student a detailed and clear understanding of the theory and practice of Indian classical and creative music under the guidance of a leader in the field.
4. To encourage and teach students how to become creative musicians by incorporating the principles and unique techniques of Indian music as taught in the direct “Master-Pupil Tradition”, to complement their own creative potential.
5. Discuss problems about performance in public.

CLASSES OFFERED IN:

1. Plucked string instruments: Sitar, Guitar, Harp, etc.
2. Bowed string instruments: Violin and Cello, etc.
3. Wind instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Recorder and Harmonium, etc.
4. Percussion: Tabla and other drums.
5. Voice.

This is a short-term course which incorporates an intense study program and practice. Students learn through voice, rhythms and various instruments to express the unique language of music, by developing greater understanding of their instruments, by direct experience of sounds and rhythms, and by regular practice.

Daily evolving schedule covers theory and practice as follows.

Daily Class Schedule

Morning - 10 – 12:30

Afternoon - 3:30 – 5:30 (Sat. 3 – 5:00)

And, free time for walks in beautiful nature and the peaceful environment of Ananda Ashram.

BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

Nature of sound	Melody/Raga and its elements
Evolution of notes and scales in Indian music	Simple Raga forms
The 22 microtones	Simple compositions based on Ragas
Introduction of notes and scales	Development of rhythm
The 10 principal scales of Indian music	Elements of drumming
Basic exercises with greater results	How to practice effectively
Fundamentals of music making	And much more.....

Peace and best wishes, ROOP VERMA