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SOUTH INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC IN SUMMERGARDEN

Two of India's foremost musicians, mridangam player R. Raghavan, and violinist L. Shankar, will present South Indian classical music in The Museum of Modern Art's SUMMERGARDEN at 8 PM, Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28. Free admission is through the Sculpture Garden gate at 8 West 54 Street.

Ramnad V. Raghavan comes from a family of musicians and plays mridangam (a type of Indian drum) in the well known traditonal Tanjore style. Raghavan began playing at the age of fifteen and has since accompanied the major Indian musicians in performances around the world. In order to bring the South Indian rhythmic theory and performance techniques into rock, jazz and "new" music, he has recently been working with such Western musicians and composers as Paul Winter and is currently working with Mahavishnu John McLaughlin.

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L. Shankar began his violin studies with his father at the age of 5 and at 8 years of age began his concert career. Considered one of the foremost violinists of India, he has done much to popularize the violin as a solo instrument in performance of South Indian classical music. He has traveled widely throughout India and Southeast Asia, as well as the United States where he is now engaged in collaboration with well known Western composers in creating "East-West" music. Shankar has released numerous record albums in India and the U. S., has performed for U Thant at the United Nations in 1971 and has received numerous honors and awards in India and abroad.

Raghavan and Shankar frequently perform, and are now recording, as part of Mahavishnu John McLaughlin's new "East-West" group called TURIYANANDA SANGIT (a Sanskrit phrase meaning "the highest bliss of music").

A grant from Mobil Oil Corporation enables The Museum of Modern Art to open its world famous Sculpture Garden as SUMMERGARDEN, a free public park from 6 PM to 10 PM every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through September 28. Free informal concerts are presented every Friday and Saturday at 8 PM. Entrance is through the Garden gate at 8 West 54 Street.

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