

Mohana Veena by Suman Laha with  
Jyoti Prakas on Tabla



Suman Laha was born in Kolkata and comes from an illustrious family. His grandfather, Late Shyam Laha was a famous Bengali movie actor. Suman was introduced to the music world by his famous grand uncle, late Shri Nadu Mullick. He is trained in the purest *senia* tradition by eminent masters like Pt. Shyamal Chattopadhyay and Ustad Aashis Khan. Pt. Shyamal Chattopadhyay is a disciple of Ustad Muhammad Dabir Khan Sahib, who was the last descendant of Mian Tan Sen.

Suman performs the traditional Dhrupad style bringing the ancient classical spirit alive. He designed his instrument based on the ancient Vichitra Veena.

Suman has performed in prestigious musical conferences and concerts in India, US and Europe.

- Lute Festival in Dresden
- Deutsche Indische Gesellschaft in Germany
- Tagore Center in Berlin
- Music organizations and universities in the US

Suman teaches music in Southern California. His students are spread out in Los Angeles, Arizona, Nevada and in the surrounding states. He is the music director for Cerritos Music Circle.

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Tickets: Couple - \$30 | Individual - \$20  
Kids 12 and under - Free

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Suman Laha will be accompanied by Southern California's very own Jyoti Prakas on Tabla. He lives in Orange County, CA. He learned from his father, Sri Nagendranath, Pandit Brojen Biswas and Sri Sumantra Guha. He is currently learning from Pandit Abhijit Banerjee.

Jyoti Prakas has performed with a variety of artists. Some of them include Pandit Jasraj, Kathak dancers Shrimati Sova Kosar and Pandit Chitresh Das, Flute player Pandit Keshav Ghinde, Sarod players Pandit K. Sidhar and David Tasroff, and Sitar player Paul Livingstone. In addition, he performed at the Emmy Awards in 2005.

He currently teaches at Southern California's Dhvani Academy of Percussion Music founded by Pandit Abhijit Banerjee.

