

AS A BENEFIT FOR THE OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**George Brooks presents:**  
**New Works for Indian Jazz Ensemble**  
INSPIRED BY THE BOOK, THE MISTRESS OF SPICES



FEATURING:

**Aashish Khan** | sarode

**Kai Eckhardt** | bass

**Chris Robinson** | guitar

**Salar Nader** | tabla

**George Brooks** | saxophone & piano



FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY, **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

Yoshi's World Class Jazz House  
510 Embarcadero West, Oakland  
8:00 & 10:00 pm shows



*Tickets \$16 – Reserve by calling (510) 238-9200 or purchase at the door*

**Saxophonist, composer George Brooks** is the leader of Summit, the popular, world fusion super-group, featuring Zakir Hussain. On February 13th he brings a very special ensemble to Yoshi's for one night only. This event is a fundraiser for the Oakland Public Library coordinated with the Library's One City, One Book campaign.

George will present new works for Indian Jazz ensemble inspired by *The Mistress of Spices*, a novel of magic realism set by Chitra Divakaruni set in Oakland, Calif.

The concert will feature **Aashish Khan** on Sarode. Aashish is the eldest son of the legendary Ali Akbar

Khan and one of the pioneers of World fusion music. He has performed with George Harrison, Eric Clapton, Alice Coltrane, and Ravi Shankar. Aashish is also featured on George Brooks' 2000 Moment Records release, *Nightspinner*.

In addition to George and Aashish, the group will feature:

**Kai Eckhardt**, bass. Kai is virtuoso bassist with an unwavering commitment to social justice. He is a member of Summit and jam band favorite Garaj Mahal. Kai has performed extensively with Trilok Gurtu and John McLaughlin, Billy Cobham and many others. In 2006 he formed a new band, Kaizone.

**Chris Robinson**, guitar. Originally from Sydney, Australia, Chris has made the Bay Area his home for the past 2 years. He is currently in the process of recording various sets of his own recent compositions. Visit [www.atlas-ensemble.com](http://www.atlas-ensemble.com) for more information on his music.

**Salar Nader**, tabla. Salar has performed with top Indian classical artists Salamat Ali Khan, Sultan Khan, Rashid Khan, Shahid Parvez and Shujaat Khan. He has also performed with fusion artists DJ Cheb-i-saba and the Ali Khan Band. Salar is an accompanist for Pandit Chitresh Das and the Chhandam School of Kathak Dance.

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