

A CELESTIAL SYMPHONY WITH PT. HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA

GEORGE BROOKS' **SUMMIT**

FEATURING PT. HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA
INDIA'S FLUTE GENIUS

Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, esteemed Indian flute virtuoso, joins SF Bay Area saxophonist George Brooks, America's leading creator of Indian jazz fusion, and his band **SUMMIT** for "A Celestial Symphony." They will present an evening of raga, Indian inspired jazz and contemporary Kathak dance.

Led by saxophonist/composer George Brooks, **SUMMIT** features percussionist extraordinaire, Vijay Ghate on tabla and legendary trap drummer, Steve Smith (Journey, Vital Information), who was just inducted into the Modern Drummer hall of fame. The band is rounded out by two young virtuosos with superlative credits in the jazz and world music realms. On bass is Kai Eckhardt, who has performed with John McLaughlin and Trilok Gurtu. On guitar is Fareed Haque a Chicago native of Pakistani and Chilean heritage who has performed with artists as diverse as Paquito de Rivera and Sting.



Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia is considered one of the most important Indian musicians of century. A rare combination of innovator and traditionalist, he has expanded the expressive

possibilities of the bansuri and set the standard for all other flutists. Hariprasad Chaurasia is one of the busiest North Indian classical musicians, regularly traveling and performing throughout the world. Apart from classical music, he has made a mark as a Hindi film music director and has collaborated with John McLaughlin, Egberto Gismonti as well as classical orchestras throughout Europe and Asia. Hari-ji serves as the Artistic Director of the World Music Department at the Rotterdam Music Conservatory in the Netherlands and has won numerous awards including the Sangeet Natak Academy, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.

George Brooks "is the leading American creator of Indian Jazz fusion" (SF Chronicle, 2006) and has recorded three essential CDs in this genre. His Indian Jazz super-group, **SUMMIT** has performed internationally to great critical acclaim. George is frequently a featured artist at music festivals in India and on the soundtracks of Indian films. He has performed with many of India's most respected concert artists including Hariprasad Chaurasia, Zakir Hussain, L. Subramaniam, Sultan Khan and many others. George has also toured and performed extensively with such American icons as Terry Riley, Larry Coryell, Anthony Braxton, Etta James, Maria Muldaur and the Temptations.

"Top Of the World. Relentless commitment to authenticity and creativity in cross-cultural collaborations has brought saxophonist George Brooks to a new pinnacle in his musical career." – SF Bay Guardian

FEATURING: GEORGE BROOKS, SAX
FAREED HAQUE, GUITAR • KAI ECKHARDT, BASS
STEVE SMITH, DRUMS • VIJAY GHATE, TABLA
KAVERI AGASHE, KATHAK DANCE



"What makes **SUMMIT** so captivating is Brooks' huge, wonderfully dense but pliable sound."
— San Diego Tribune

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