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Acclaimed Indian vocalist Veena Sahasrabuddhe to perform at Laurier

WATERLOO – One of India's greatest classical musicians, vocalist Veena Sahasrabuddhe, will visit Wilfrid Laurier University Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2 to lead a master class for Laurier students and to perform in a concert with two of Canada's great Indian music talents, Vineet Vyas on tabla and Kedar Naphade on harmonium.

A performer of the khyal style of Hindustani music and of moving bhajan devotional songs, Sahasrabuddhe has released more than 40 recordings on labels including Sony and BMG. She resides in the United States and India, maintaining a busy international teaching and performing career.

"Veena is unique among today's top performers in how broad her following is," says Madhu Kalimipalli, finance professor in Laurier's School of Business & Economics and director of the Financial Services Research Centre, who is organizing Sahasrabuddhe's visit with the sponsorship assistance of Laurier's Faculty of Music, Laurier's School of Business & Economics, and the Laurier Centre for Music in the Community. "She is admired by the casual listener for her directness and emotional intensity, while the knowledgeable listener finds her music chaste and true to tradition."

The lecture demonstration and concert is part of, and coincides with the start of, the 9th annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days, an international network of concerts that remembers the *Wall Street Journal* reporter who was killed in Pakistan in 2002. Daniel Pearl World Music Days have grown to include the participation of more than 4,900 performances in 102 countries.

Lee Willingham, director of the Laurier Centre for Music in the Community, says Laurier's music faculty and students are eager to meet Sahasrabuddhe: "As a school that emphasizes music from the Western European tradition, it is an absolute thrill to welcome Veena Sahasrabuddhe and her colleagues to Laurier. We are anxious to learn from such an accomplished artist in the Hindustani musical practice, and her lecture demonstration on Friday gives our students a first-hand, once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The lecture demonstration on Friday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 4: 30 p.m., will be held in Room A431 in the Aird Building on Laurier's Waterloo campus, and is free and open to the public. The concert on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. will be held at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall on the Waterloo campus. General admission tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students); VIP tickets, entitling holders to special seating and a post-concert reception, are \$50.

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