

## MUSICIANS

### *Shivkumar Sharma*

The Nataraj Cultural Centre will present, in association with various other arts organizations and festivals, the world-renowned Santoor Virtuoso Shivkumar Sharma, in Australia and New Zealand, in March 2012.

His eminence among Indian classical musicians rests on his achievement in bringing the santoor, a folk instrument from Kashmir used to accompany sufi music, to the world concert stage. Shivkumar's extensive repertoire includes ragas that deal with divine and secular love in its various manifestations - unrequited as well as happy.

The 100-string santoor is played with a pair of wooden strikers which produce delicate yet lively sounds reminiscent of the piano and the harp. Shivkumar can make the santoor sound hauntingly beautiful - *"something like a whisper and a cascade of a waterfall. It creates romantic and pensive moods."*

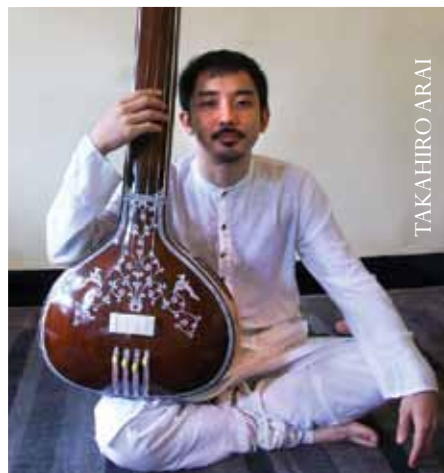
Shivkumar has won many awards, including Padma Vibhushan, by the Indian President. He has been invited to the WOMADelaide, Perth, Adelaide and Edinburgh festivals since 1994. Reza Shah Pehlvi's Shiraz Festival of Santoor in Teheran many years ago, representing six countries which have the santoor, won Shivkumar the highest award.

"He drew from the santoor sweet and delicate shadings - difficult to achieve on the piano." *Palo Alto Times*

Shivkumar is accompanied by master tabla player Yogesh Samsi, second in eminence only to Zakir Hussain; on the tanpura he is accompanied by his student Takahiro Arai.

[www.shivsantoor.com](http://www.shivsantoor.com)

"The SPIRIT of INDIA artists are the equals of the very best in the world..." *Sydney Morning Herald*



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## CONCERT SCHEDULE

**BRISBANE Monday 19 March 7.30pm**  
Queensland Conservatorium Theatre  
Bkg: [www.qtix.com.au](http://www.qtix.com.au)  
Phone: 136 246  
Tix: adult \$35; concession \$29;  
student \$20

**MELBOURNE Wednesday 21 March 7.30pm**  
Elisabeth Murdoch Hall,  
Melbourne Recital Centre  
Bkg: [www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)  
Phone: 03 9699 3333  
Tix: Standard \$50; Concession \$40;

**SYDNEY Thursday 22 March 7.30pm**  
The York Theatre, Seymour Centre  
Bkg: [www.seymour.usyd.com.au](http://www.seymour.usyd.com.au)  
Phone: 9351 7940;  
Tix: adult \$50; concession \$40;  
student \$25; family (2+1 b 12) \$110.

SERVICE FEE APPLIES

### OTHER VENUES

WOMADELAIDE - 9, 11 March  
NZ I ARTS FESTIVAL - 14 March  
NZ WOMAD - 17 March

SPIRIT of INDIA is presented annually in Australia and New Zealand, with 6 to 8 concerts, in association with major arts festivals and organisations. It presents classical music and various classical dances.

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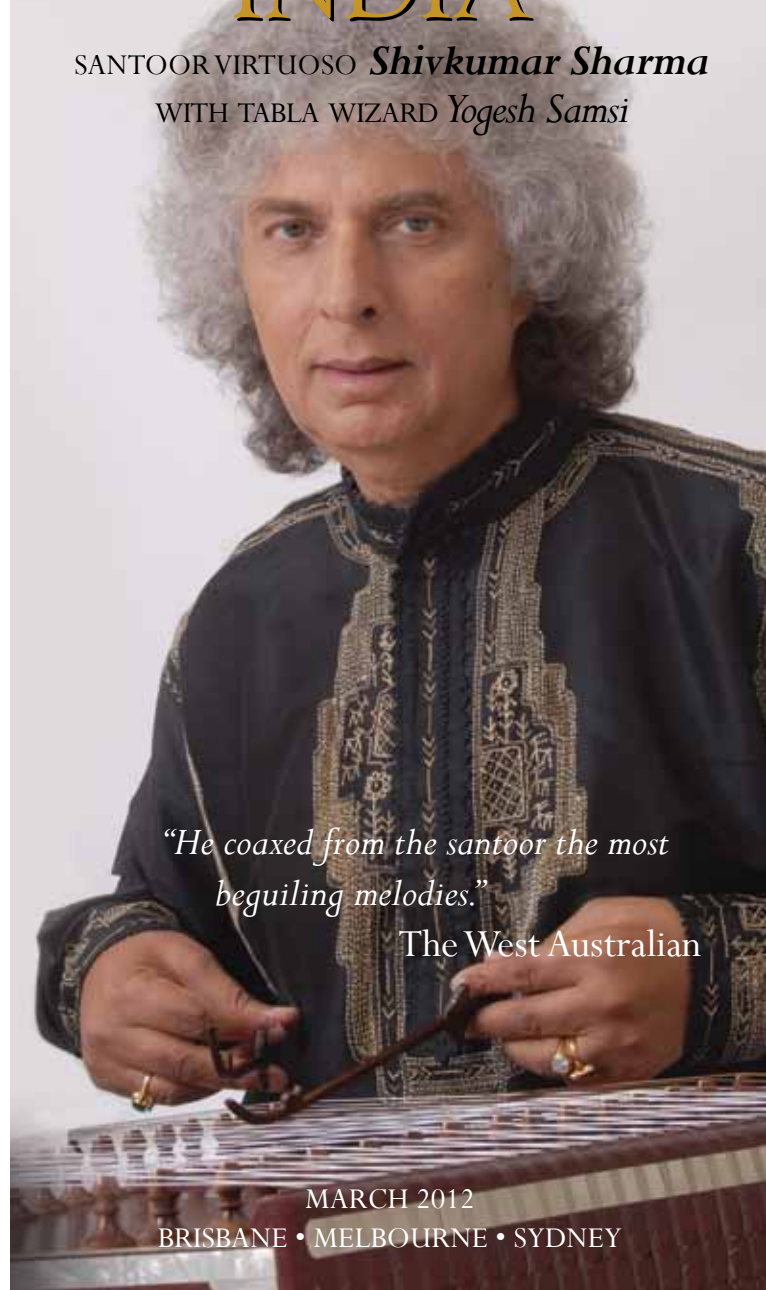
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NATARAJ CULTURAL CENTRE MELBOURNE PRESENT

# 35th SPIRIT of INDIA

SANTOOR VIRTUOSO *Shivkumar Sharma*  
WITH TABLA WIZARD *Yogesh Samsi*



*"He coaxed from the santoor the most  
beguiling melodies."*

The West Australian

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