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Press Release

Santoor Maestro, Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya & Tabla Virtuoso, Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee Presents A New Raga 'GANGA'

- Their Performance Mesmerises The City Audience -

Kolkata, 19th June, 2018: Ministry of Culture, Government of India & Indian Council for Cultural Relations presented a spectacular musical concert '**GANGA**' featuring **Santoor Maestro, Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya** and GIMA Award Winner, **Tabla Exponent, Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee**. They performed a new Raga, Ganga, created by Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya.

"Ganga is a new raga, which is created with a blend of raga 'Yogeswari' and raga 'Kalabati'. This is our salutation to The Ganges River and an appeal to all Indians that people should get in the act of cleaning the river and spreading the awareness for the same. The idea of creating this came to me after our honourable PM Narendra Modi introduced 'Clean Ganga Project'. The audience reaction is indeed overwhelming", said **Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee**.

Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee's solo performance, saat sangat, sawal jawab mesmerised the audience. His skills in rhythmic expression through Tabla surprised the audience. The 'Jugalbandi' between Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee and maestro Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya was immensely appreciated by the Kolkata audience.

The Raga, Ganga, was created to pay a tribute to the majestic and sacred river, Ganga. Rhythm and Sound Design has been done by GIMA Award Winner, Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee.

The first concert of this series had happened in Varanasi on 10th June, 2018 at the famous Assi Ghat, followed by the second concert in Kolkata today.

About Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya

India's Global Music ambassador, Santoor Maestro Pt Tarun Bhattacharya is a pioneering and revolutionary classical musician. He is one of the most celebrated torch bearers of Indian classical music, and has traversed the globe many times over performing in various awe inspiring venues around the world like Royal Albert Hall, Palace-de-beaux (Brussels), Theater- De-La-Viile (France), Apollo Theatre (Spain), Jubilee Auditorium (Canada), Kremlin (Russia). His mesmerized list of admirers includes Prince Charles, George Harrison, Paolo Solaris and other respected figures. He is a Rotary International's Global Ambassador for Peace & Goodwill.

About Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee

GLOBAL INDIA MUSIC AWARD winning new age percussion virtuoso Pandit Prodyut Mukherjee has been a global ambassador of Indian music through his sterling performances at international venues with celebrated performers of the world. Prodyut formed a fusion band Rhythm express which presents an eclectic mix of Indo occidental musical notes with afro and latin elements in their performances. He is a composer, soloist with over 50 albums. The GIMA Award winning album Moods was from the stable of Rhythm express Band. Tabla Maestro Prodyut has been a Globetrotting musician and has visited USA, Canada, France, United Kingdom, Germany, Morocco, Japan, South Korea, Dubai, Singapore, Hongkong and United States of America many times over. In 2004 he performed at an International Cultural Festival in South Korea on a special invitation from the Korean Government. He has also performed in major musical festivals like the World Music Day Festival in Paris (France), World Sacred Festival in Morocco, Festival Musiques Sacrées du Monde de Fès in Morocco, Les Orientales Festival in France and International Art Festival in London. He received a special invitation from Government of CHINA to play with Chinese National orchestra in NATIONAL CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS at BEIJING OF CHINA. At home he performed at the Music Festival in Kolkata



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organized by the Government of West Bengal. He also performed in a special HANDSHAKE Concert at Governor's House, Kohima, Nagaland organized by Government of India.

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