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Flute maestro to give concert at UMD

Acclaimed flutist Deepak Ram will join tabla player Aditya Kalyanpur for a concert sponsored by the UMass Dartmouth Center for Indic Studies. North Indian classical music is based on the exploration and improvisation of two musical entities (melody and rhythm) within very strict guidelines. Melody is governed by the Raga system, while rhythm is governed by the Tala system. Deepak's flute programs will engage both Raga and Tala to create beautiful melodies to enthrall the audience. His versatility is apparent in his numerous collaborations with musicians of various genres. These include performances with jazz pianists Darius Brubeck and Bheki Mseleku, Tunisian oud player and vocalist Dhafer Yousseff and the popular South African band Tananas.

Deepak Ram has six solo albums to his credit and as a session musician can be heard on more than 25 albums. His bansuri (flute) can also be heard on movie soundtracks, such as "The Fast and the Furious," "Matrix Revolution", "India, Kingdom of the Tiger," and "Stealth."

6:30 p.m. tomorrow, main auditorium, UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth. Tickets will be on sale at the door: \$1 for students, \$3 faculty/staff, \$5 general public. Park in Lot 4 or 5.