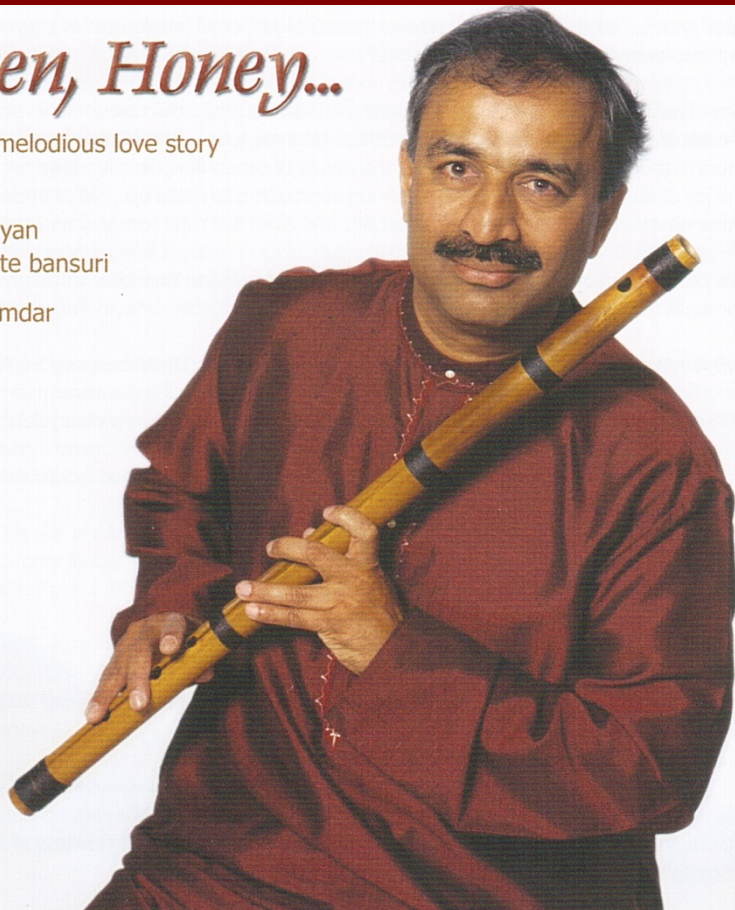


Listen, Honey...

A melodious love story

Raj Rangayyan
bamboo flute bansuri

Utpal Mazumdar
tabla



Love is universal and ubiquitous: Who can escape love? Love is unlimited in joy yet unparalleled in complexity: Who can live without love?

The classical music of India uses ragas – melodic musical structures – to evoke the various moods and sentiments wrought by love: The initial spark, the excitement of getting together, the rough'n'tough times of give-and-take, the pangs of separation, the pleadings for this and that, the joy of reunion, the tender and charming approaches to make up... all of these and a myriad other emotions that affect and afflict us all!

We present to you in this album a unique set of ragas and melodies to take you through a romantic and exhilarating musical journey...

1. Eye contact (Raga Bheempalasi, in Teentaal, a rhythm with 16 beats per cycle) 7:12
2. Together (Raga Bhoopali, in Roopaktaal, a rhythm with seven beats per cycle) 6:54
3. Tease me not! (Raga Hameer, in Jhaptaal, a rhythm with 10 beats per cycle) 5:00
4. Without you... (Raga Yaman, Bansuri solo) 7:30
5. ...I'm restless! (Raga Yaman, in Teentaal) 9:52
6. Come back to me (Raga Jog, in Teentaal) 9:38
7. Together again (Raga Shankara, in Ektaal, a rhythm with 12 beats per cycle) 3:03
8. Listen, Honey... (Raga Bageshree, in Teentaal) 11:26

(All items are improvisations on traditional "cheezas" based upon the ragas mentioned and the Hindusthani classical music of India. Cheezas in items 1 – 3 and 5 – 8 courtesy of Sri K.P. Shenoy. Copyright © 2003 Rangaraj M. Rangayyan. All rights reserved.)



Tanpura (four-stringed drone) accompaniment by Vijaya Subramani

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Raj received training on the bansuri from Sri K.P. Shenoy, and on the sitar from Sri N.R. Rama Rao in India. He has given many performances in India, Canada, and Brazil. In Calgary, he has performed for the University of Calgary, the India-Canada Association and affiliated societies, the Raga Mala Music Society, the City of Calgary, the Calgary Multicultural Centre, the Glenbow Museum, and the Calgary Zoo. His arrangements have included innovative combinations of many styles of instruments and music.

Utpal is an expert percussionist with the tabla and the pakhawaj (drums of India). He studied voice and the tabla in India, and is active in local music circles playing bluegrass and jazz, as well as accompanying visiting artists. He has performed in several CDs with Canadian Flamenco, Latino, and Celtic musicians, and with the Calgary Boys' Choir (Silver Anniversary CD).

Raj and Utpal have been performing together in Calgary for close to twenty years. They regularly provide lecture-demonstrations in courses on South Asia and World Music at the University of Calgary. Their music has been licensed to prestigious museums as well as yoga and meditation schools. They have collaborated with several musicians of different genres, and firmly believe that music transcends all boundaries!

Raj & Utpal's CDs are available through Glenbow Museum Shop (Calgary, www.glenbow.ca), University of Calgary Bookstore (www.bookstore.ucalgary.ca), Indian Record Shop (Toronto), and through Indie Pool: 1-888-88-INDIE (www.indiepool.com)

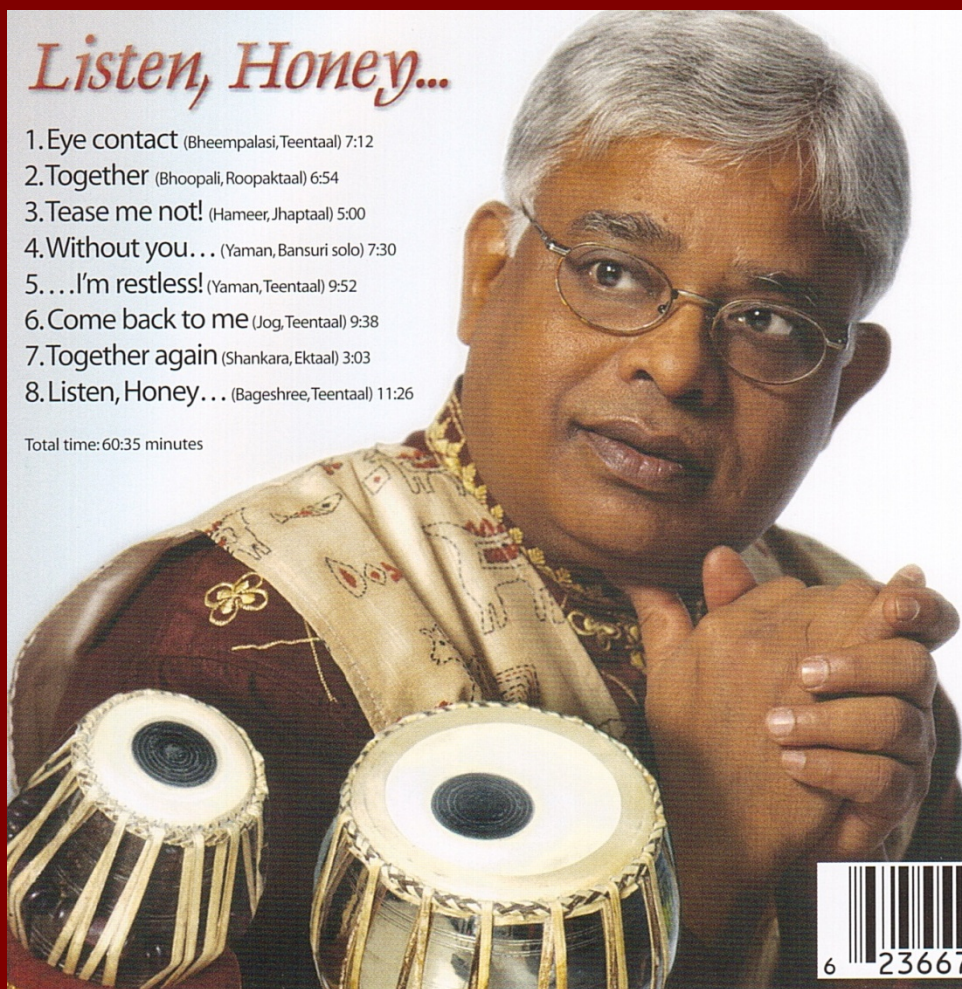
- CD 1. JUST IN TIME ...just for you!
CD 2. In Tune With You
CD 3. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME ...relax with a raga!
CD 4. Listen, Honey...

We are grateful to our gurus for imparting to us the essence of the classical music of India. We sincerely thank our families for accommodating our musical pursuits, and our friends around the world for being wonderful audiences. *Raj & Utpal.*

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