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Brilliant double bill with legends of Indian classical music. Two outstanding artists renowned not only for their solo performances, their magnificent duets but also for their compositions for Bollywood films.

PANDIT SHIVKUMAR SHARMA - MASTER OF THE SANTOOR

and

PANDIT HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA - ONE OF THE WORLDS GREAT FLAUTISTS

ON TOUR IN THE UK SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

The Asian Music Circuit – the leading company in the UK producing tours and concerts of music from Asia - has an excellent reputation for the superb quality of its productions as well an innovative approach in its year round artistic programme.

This tour is a prime example of the exciting events that the AMC is creating and will be an evening of great entertainment and of the highest musicianship.

ONE HALF

PANDIT HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA is synonymous with the North Indian bamboo flute of which he the recognised world master. Brilliant technically – its incredible how he creates such music from a simple bamboo flute with 7 – 8 holes in - Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia is a highly creative musician. First and foremost he is a wonderful classical musician in the North Indian tradition, but he also has made a name for himself as a composer in the Bollywood film industry, in collaborations with jazz and world music. He has performed at major venues and festivals all over the world .

OTHER HALF

PANDIT SHIVKUMAR SHARMA 's name cannot be separated from the beautiful instrument which he alone brought to the international concert stage as a solo instrument for Indian music - the SANTOOR. Taking it from its folk music roots, Pt. Shivkumar Sharma has developed a unique technique through which he can create glissandi on an instrument that is from the hammered dulcimer family. Shivji has set the benchmarks for playing the SANTOOR which everyone now follows. A brilliant composer whose work in Bollywood films is renowned , master of TAL – the concept underlying Indian rhythm, he is a delight to watch and to listen to.

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THE TOUR DATES

DOUBLE BILL Pt Shivkumar Sharma and Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia

Monday 17th September THE LOWRY, Manchester. box office 0870 787 5780
www.thelowry.com

Sunday 23rd September THE SAGE, Gateshead box office 0191 443 4661
www.thesagegateshead.org

PT SHIVKUMAR SHARMA solo

Saturday 15th September CADOGAN HALL, London

Pt HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA solo

Friday 21st September ST.IA CHURCH, St. Ives, Cornwall
box office 01736 79857 / 01736 366077
www.stivesseptemberfestival.co.uk

Saturday 29th September UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST MARY, Oxford
01865 305305 www.bigvillage.org

Saturday 6th October TURNER SIMS CONCERT HALL, Southampton

Sunday 7th October WARWICK ARTS CENTRE, Warwick 024 7652 4524
www.warwickartscentre.co.uk

NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

Artists are available for telephonic interview prior to the concert, personal interviews by arrangement with the AMC For more information please contact Unnati Dasgupta on unnati@amc.org.uk or Kuldeep Jalf on kuldeep@amc.org.uk

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