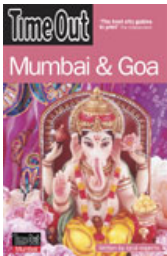


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## David Trasoff

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**Date :** Saturday, January 29, 2011 06:30PM  
**Venue :** Thakur Village Music Club  
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**Date :** Sunday, January 30, 2011 06:00PM  
**Venue :** Bhavan's Cultural Centre, Andheri  
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The first time David Trasoff attended Ali Akbar Khan's sarod performance in California he was so moved that he decided to give up his study of the sciences and instead study Indian classical music at the Ali Akbar College of Music in San Rafael, California. Looking back, he feels fortunate to have had that opportunity. "To have someone who's on that level and also available and approachable to someone who was essentially a beginner was a very unusual circumstance," said Trasoff from his home in Los Angeles. Since completing his training in 1981, Trasoff has gone on to teach Hindustani classical music at the Ali Akbar College of Music in Switzerland, the California Institute of the Arts and has become director of the Hindustani Music Ensemble at Pomona College, California. His music is also featured in Somnath Sen's 2002 film *Leela* and also the 2006 film *Outsourced*. This fortnight,

Trasoff will present sarod recitals at three venues.

Although he teaches the classical form, Trasoff is keen on carrying on the mission of his guru: to spread the sound of the sarod far and wide. "I think that [the sarod] has fantastic capabilities ... it's very versatile," he said. "Its wonderful sound still isn't well-known even in some parts of India." To make it more popular, Trasoff put together an improvisational quartet called Svara. With Robert Jacobson on guitar, John Graves on bass and percussionist Randy Gloss, the group combines influences of Indian music, jazz, blues and Eastern European music. Their latest recording, called *New World*, will be released soon.

Meanwhile, at two of his Mumbai concerts, Trasoff will play with non-Indian musicians such as the Japanese tabla player Hironori Yuzawa and the American flautist Steve Gorn. The music they'll make will be Hindustani classical, but like many musicians of that genre, Trasoff prefers not to divulge what they'll play. "The goal is to open yourself up to the music and essentially let it play through you," he said. *Aditya Kundalkar*

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