

The Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre presents Parampara – An Annual Guru Purnima Special

~A tribute to the timeless legacy of the guru-shishya bond~

Mumbai, 15th June 2023: After an extremely successful run of the international Broadway musical 'The Sound of Music', Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre brings to you an annual celebration - 'Parampara – A Guru Purnima Special'. This year, the occasion brings together the finest maestros of Indian Classical music and their illustrious disciples. Conceived to be an annual homage to the timeless *guru-shishya* bond, the special presentation is guided by Mrs. Nita Ambani's vision of showcasing the best of India to the world and bringing the best of the world to India

A two-day special on 30th June and 1st July, the celebration will take place 7.30pm onwards at the Cultural Centre's 2000-seater performing arts space – The Grand Theatre – which has hosted landmark productions such as 'The Great Indian Musical: Civilization to Nation' and the international Broadway musical, 'The Sound of Music'.

Founder & Chairperson Mrs. Nita Ambani said, "A guru not only imparts knowledge, but also guides shishyas on their path of self-discovery. The relationship between guru and shishya signifies a lifelong journey driven by discipline, dedication, and utmost respect. This Guru Purnima, at the NMACC, we are delighted to present our humble tribute to this timeless tradition. 'Parampara' brings together the finest maestros of Indian Classical music and their illustrious disciples. Let us come together to celebrate this sacred bond and immerse ourselves in a cultural legacy that has transcended generations."

Over the span of two days, one will witness extraordinary performances by legendary flautist Padma Vibhushan Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia and his nephew Rakesh Chaurasia; sarod maestro Padma Vibhushan Ustad Amjad Ali Khan along with his sons Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangash and grandsons – Zohaan and Abeer Ali Bangash; as well as sitar stalwart Pt. Kartick Kumar and his son Niladri Kumar. The performances by these esteemed musicians will mark a rare exploration of music and spirituality.

Witness a weekend of extraordinary musical convergence that celebrates the legacy of the Classical greats at The Grand Theatre. Here you will be transported not just by their captivating performances but also the theatre's world-class acoustics, which render every act magical.

'Parampara' - performance details:

Day 1: June 30, 7.30pm onwards

Act 1: Enchanting Sitars

The series of evocative Indian Classical compositions presented by sitar maestro Pt. Kartick Kumar and his son, sitar player and innovative musician Niladri Kumar captures the very essence of Guru Purnima. Experience the heartfelt depths of a father-son and a *gurushishya* relationship through a musical journey of learning and unlearning. The performance features hand-picked evergreen compositions and fusion sets with a contemporary flavour that weave innovation into a celebration of India's Classical heritage.



Act 2: Divine Flutes

Featuring living legend and celebrated flautist Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia and his nephew, student, and flute exponent Rakesh Chaurasia, 'Divine Flutes' will see several pristine renditions flow into each other, mirroring the endless ripple of musical and spiritual treasures that runs between different generations divided by time and united by music.

Day 2: July 1, 7.30pm onwards

Three Generations, One Legacy

The momentous sarod recital will see Ustaad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangash being joined by the 8th generation of the family - Ustaad's grandsons - 10-year-old twins Zohaan and Abeer Ali Bangash. Witness three generations of a musical lineage captivate the audience – a real-life demonstration of the *guru-shishya* journey. The unique live ensemble is special for reminiscing iconic musical compositions.

Tickets start from INR 750. Book now on nmacc.com and bookmyshow.com.

About the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC)

The Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre is a first-of-its-kind, multi-disciplinary space in the sphere of arts, within the Jio World Centre, located in the heart of Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex.

The Cultural Centre is home to three performing arts spaces: the majestic 2,000-seater Grand Theatre, the technologically advanced 250-seater Studio Theatre, and the dynamic 125-seater Cube. The Cultural Centre also features the Art House, a four-storey dedicated visual arts space built as per global museum standards with the aim of housing an array of exhibits and installations from the finest artistic talent across India and the world.

Spread across its concourses is a captivating mix of public art by renowned Indian and global artists, including 'Kamal Kunj' – one of the largest Pichwai paintings in India.

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