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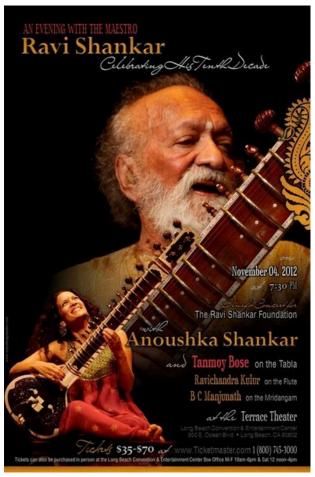
Ravi and Anoushka Shankar at The Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center

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92-Year-Old Sitar Maestro, Daughter and Band Play to Packed Terrace Theater on November 4, 2012









It was a warm early November evening as a capacity crowd filed into The Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center **Terrace Theater** to see Pandit (Sanskrit for "Scholar/Teacher") Ravi Shankar and his daughter Anoushka in a rescheduled performance from last March. The first hour and fifteen minutes featured his talented 31-year-old daughter Anoushka, a UK resident who arrived two days prior to performance night to play live with her father.

After a short intermission, Shankar is slowly wheeled out by Anoushka along with aid from his young Japanese student, as the crowd rises to its feet in applause of admiration. A huge "OM" symbol is then projected in pure white light directly above Shankar's head. He is tiny and frail, yet commands the microphone once he is finally seated center stage. "Let us remember those in the East who suffered from the storm," he says in a gentle voice before playing two beautiful late afternoon Ragas, followed by a longer free form Raga. "You saw the runners in the Olympics a few months ago? Well, I will try to keep up like them!" he assures his audience - and he does!



The Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center

Prior to the final Raga, Shankar introduces his band, beginning with Anoushka, "You already know her! She is proud to be my daughter..." he says with a smile. Shankar's band currently also features tabla player Tanmoy Bose, flutist Ravichandra Kulur, and Mridanga player BC Manjunath. One of the highest energy points of the evening's final Raga was Bose's one-plus minute long tabla solo: played with his fingers - not on his drum, but on the cheeks of his own face!

This amazing live performance is just the beginning of Shankar's recent musical output. Last year, East Meets West Music released The Living Room Sessions Part I (The Living Room Sessions Part II will be released at the end of this year), and this year, a documentary entitled Ravi Shankar I Tenth Decade In Concert: Live In Escondido by filmmaker Alan Kozlowski.



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