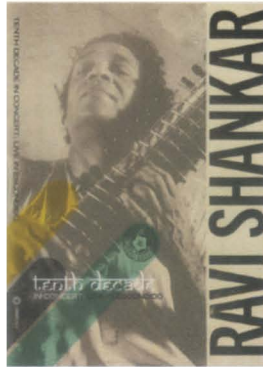


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## TENTH DECADE - IN CONCERT LIVE IN ESCONDIDO /DVD

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East Meets West Music

To witness a master at their craft is to observe a natural state of grace, poise, and beauty. The Ravi Shankar DVD Tenth Decade - In Concert: Live in Escondido is certainly no exception. It captures an October 2011 performance by the late sitar master at the age of 91. It's filmed in such a way that we rarely see the audience, thereby offering an intimate and personal view of the concert.

Live in Escondido was directed by cinematographer and director Alan Kozlowski, who studied music with Ravi Shankar since 1978. His familiarity with the master provides a magnificent viewing experience. We observe not only Shankar's ease and command over this incredibly complex and challenging instrument; but we're also gifted a glimpse of his humor and sincere enjoyment of music. Ravi often allows his accompanying musicians to shine while he simply and endearingly basks in their interplay and spontaneity. This is a beautiful and respectful glimpse of a master at work.

I would be remiss to not mention the tremendous musicians with whom he surrounds himself as each of these accompanists are true masters in their own right; their skills and vibrant performances could easily be the focus of a separate review.

This DVD and digital soundtrack were both released just prior to Ravi Shankar's passing in December 2012.

Reviewed by **Joe Kara**, who loves his double life working in music and teaching Yoga in Hollywood and the Valley. And he plays bass too.  
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