

Sitar Recital

Ustad Rais Bale Khan and Ustad Hafiz Bale Khan

India Center Friday October 3rd 2014 @ 7.30 pm



Karnataka State in India has a rich musical tradition where both Carnatic and Hindustani systems of music flourish.

The Mallige Kannada Balaga of Charleston which is a cultural association of people from Karnataka is pleased to present a Sitar Recital & Vocal by *Ustad* Rais Bale Khan and *Ustad* Hafiz Bale Khan.

Belonging to the Gwalior Kirana Gharana, they have carved a

niche for themselves in the area of classical Sitar. They come from a family of great musicians. Their great grandfather was the Late **Sitar Ratna** Rahimat Khan, their grandfather the Late *Ustad* Abdul Karim Khan and their father the Late *Ustad* Bale Khan.

Rais and Hafiz have been trained in the “guru-sishya” tradition by their father and grandfather. Under their tutelage, the brothers have developed a unique Jugalbandi presentation—an engrossing musical conversation. In their musical journey together, each has developed his own individual imagination and distinctive style of playing.

In addition to Sitar, they excel in many forms of Hindustani singing – Khayal, Thumri, Ghazal, and specialize in Kannada Vachanas and Daasara Padaas.



They will be accompanied on the Tabla by Rahul Pophali

Venue: India Center 800 Green Road, South Charleston, West Virginia

Tickets: There are no tickets for the event. All are welcome. There will be an “**Appreciation Box**” at the venue and the members of the audience can make a contribution to defray the expenses in holding this event.

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