



Upcoming Ravi Shankar Display in the Artist Gallery

Thanks to Sukanya Shankar and the Ravi Shankar Foundation

MIM recently had the pleasure of hosting Sukanya Shankar of the Ravi Shankar Foundation when she visited the museum to dress a mannequin of her late husband, Ravi Shankar, for an upcoming display in the [Artist Gallery](#). The outfit, on loan to MIM from the foundation, is the one that Maestro Shankar wore during the historic Concert for Bangladesh organized by former Beatles lead guitarist George Harrison and the Indian sitar master in 1971.

“Authenticity is important to us,” says Colin Pearson, MIM’s curator for Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East. “Ravi-ji had a particular way of wearing his *dhoti* (traditional South Asian men’s garment) and it was important to have that done for the display exactly right by the person who knew it best.”

The mannequin was custom-made for Shankar’s outfit by MIM’s exhibit preparator team, and while Sukanya dressed it, she became emotional, reminiscing about her husband and the times she helped him dress before concerts.

In the weeks to come, Shankar’s outfit will be featured in a display honoring the maestro’s musical legacy in MIM’s Artist Gallery. The display will also showcase two sitars played by Shankar and other artifacts from the Concert for Bangladesh.

MIM is extraordinarily proud to be collaborating with the Ravi Shankar

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TONIGHT

May 8

[Tift Merritt](#)

May 10

[Marcia Ball](#)

May 12

[John Pizzarelli Trio](#)

May 16

[Special EFX Acoustic featuring Chielì Minucci, Nelson Rangell, and Lao Tizer](#)

May 17

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Foundation, as Shankar's goal of introducing great music and musicians from around the world to new audiences so closely parallels the museum's own mission.



May 21
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Experience Polynesia at MIM

A celebration of Pacific Island music and culture

Kick off the summer at MIM during our annual event called [Experience Polynesia](#) on Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21. Enjoy musical performances and hula dance lessons, and even try your hand at the ukulele.

Craft and decorate your own Polynesian slit drum, an instrument traditionally played at ceremonies and festivals and used as a form of communication throughout the islands of Polynesia.

Try playing the ukulele, as [Girl Scout Junior Museum Guides](#) (Saturday) and volunteer team members (Sunday) help teach guests how to play a few chords. There will also be hula workshops led by dancers of Na Leo Kupono for guests to learn the ancient and modern styles of hula dance. On Saturday only, Girl Scout Junior Museum Guides will also be leading family-friendly tours throughout the Oceania Gallery, with a focus on Polynesia.

Creating a Lasting Legacy at MIM

Learn about giving back to MIM through Planned Giving

The [Legacy Circle](#) is MIM's planned-giving society, created to honor those who have provided for the museum in their wills, trusts, retirement plans, estate plans, and/or other planned giving.

When you give back to MIM through a planned gift, you're making a lasting investment in our future by ensuring the vitality and permanence of both the museum's collections and its programs for generations to come. At MIM, planned gifts help enhance global instrument displays that share the musical heritage of various cultures, offer world-class educational programs for students, immerse guests in diverse music and cultures from around the globe at our Experience Cultural Programs, bring emerging and world-renowned artists to Phoenix, and more.

Planned gifts can be made in a variety of ways and include the unique features of providing positive community impact, future institutional

Watch a performance by the local Polynesian dance group Suli O Ali'i, as they combine music and movement to share stories of their ancestors. Listen to a performance by Patrick Ki and take a trip to the islands as he performs traditional Hawaiian songs on the ukulele and slack-key guitar.

Stop by [Café Allegro](#) for a Polynesian-inspired menu featuring Polynesian pork barbecue, vegan Maui soup, Hawaiian shoyu chicken, and coconut flan.

Activities are included with paid museum admission and free for [members](#).

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sustainability, and financial benefits for the donor.

MIM and Fidelity Charitable are cohosting an event at the museum for interested donors around planned giving on Thursday, May 11. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. and the event will focus on topics including the *Legacy Circle* and planned-giving strategies. Lunch will be served.

If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact MIM's institutional advancement team at 480.478.6062 or advancement@MIM.org.



[Learn about MIM's Legacy Circle](#)

[Event Details](#)

Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [Joshua James](#) (Opening Act: RIVVRS) on Friday, June 9; [The Dustbowl Revival](#) on Thursday, June 15; [Big Sam's Funky Nation](#) on Thursday, June 22; [Roberta Gambarini](#) on Sunday, June 25; [Catherine Russell](#) on Thursday, July 13; [Samantha Fish](#) on Thursday, July 27; and [Mokoomba](#) on Sunday, August 6. Tickets will go on sale to [members](#) who give \$250+ annually on Tuesday, May 9 at noon. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. Members who give \$500+ annually receive 10% off concert tickets.

MIM's 2016 Annual Report

MIM's 2016 Annual Report was mailed to all *Circle of Friends* and *Producer's Circle* [members](#) in April. If you are a member and did not receive a copy of the 2016 Annual Report, please e-mail advancement@MIM.org so we can ensure you receive the next issue of *Quarter Notes*, MIM's new quarterly publication. To view the 2016 Annual Report online, [click here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Marcia Ball](#)

Wednesday, May 10
7:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$43.50

“Rollicking, playful, good time blues and intimate, reflective balladry . . . her songs ring with emotional depth.”
—*Rolling Stone*



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[John Pizzarelli Trio](#)

Friday, May 12
7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

\$28.50–\$43.50

Pizzarelli is a multifaceted jazz guitarist, vocalist, bandleader, and radio personality who is internationally known for classic standards, late-night ballads, and the cool jazz flavor he brings to performances and recordings.



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[Special EFX Acoustic](#)

Featuring Chieli Minucci,
Nelson Rangell, and Lao Tizer
Tuesday, May 16
7:00 p.m.

\$35.50–\$43.50

Special EFX helped to pave the road for contemporary jazz during its early years in the 1980s, and the band continues to set the standard.



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