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HERITAGE ARTS ACADEMY IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE TABLA CLASSES STARTING FROM FEBRUARY 2014.

Sri Gokul Panda, a highly talented, young Tabla player originally from Kolkata, India, is one of the new genres of Tabla exponents of New Jersey who is taking this North Indian percussion instrument to greater heights in USA.

Gokul was introduced to Tabla at an early age of four by his father. Few years later Tabla maestro Late Professor Pandit Anil Bhattacharya, of Rabindrabharati University and a disciple of Khalifa Ustad Wajid Hussain Khan of Lakhnaw Gharana took Gokul under his tutorship. After Guruji's sad demise Gokul is farther trained under world famous Tabla Guru Pandit Shankar Ghosh of Farukkabad Gharana. Currently Gokul is under Pandit Biplab Bhattacharya, a faculty of ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Kolkata.

From childhood Gokul stood first in many prestigious Tabla solo competitions. He played Tabla solo and accompanied many famous TV and Radio artists from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan in Kolkata, London, Manchester, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York.

Be it Solo performance or accompaniment with Indian classical instruments like Sitar, Sarod, Bansuri or classical vocal & semiclassical like Raag Pradhan, Gazal, Thumri, Vhajan, Old filmy songs, Najrul Geeti, Rabindrasangeet or even modern songs he plays Tabla with equal ease with clarity and elegance of performance. His ingenuity has ushered in a purely new style of Tabla playing mingling both Lakhnaw and Farukkabad Gharana style of Tabla playing, It is undoubtedly through his clarity, sweetness and elegance of performance, both as an accompanist and as a soloist.

Gokul is a brilliant student from childhood; he is a University Gold Medallist in Master of Engineering and a Computer Software Engineer besides being a professional Tabla player.

With more than 25 years of experience teaching and performing Tabla, he has developed unique technique to teach Tabla specially to kids of all ages with personal care, mingling both Lakhnaw and Farukkabad Gharana style of Tabla playing.

**Please inquire about the Tabla Classes with either
Yoshita Chandrani: 609-439-3090 or Gokul Panda: 732-822-3821
TIMINGS: SATURDAY 12.30 PM TO 2.30 PM**