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WHO: The Gao-Rao Duo

WHAT: Pipa (Chinese lute) and Indian Sitar Concert

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 8:00 pm

WHERE: The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road in Ladue

TICKETS: \$24 & \$22 for seniors 62+ and full-time students

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A unique pairing of world-renowned musical prodigies Gao Hong, master of the Chinese pear-shaped lute, the pipa; and Shubhendra Rao, Indian sitarist whose father, N.R.Rama Rao, was a noted and close disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar. Since her arrival in U.S. in 1994, Gao Hong has been featured in over ninety articles and four television documentaries. She has performed to great acclaim throughout Europe, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, and China. A sitarist par excellence, Shubhendra Rao has performed and given lecture-demonstrations about Indian music in numerous European and Asian countries. His innovative work with Jazz guitarist Freddie Bryant, Jazz flautist James Newton, and his cellist wife Saskia Rao-de Haas has been received with great enthusiasm. Both performers have received numerous honors worldwide, are composers as well as virtuoso musicians, and collaborators with musicians of other cultures. The program will include a tabla player, and will feature both solo and duo performances.

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