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REMEMBER SHAKTI UNITES JAZZ GUITAR GREAT MCLAUGHLIN WITH INDIAN MASTER MUSICIANS

“Despite the group’s name, this is no nostalgia tour....Remember Shakti is a band that will never be forgotten, and every performance is a priceless moment.” —*Downbeat* magazine

Remember Shakti revisits the spirit of the groundbreaking band Shakti—who, in the '70s, pioneered jazz/world hybrid music—while continuing to experiment. Led by world-renowned jazz guitarist **John McLaughlin** and featuring tabla master **Zakir Hussain**, **U. Shrinivas** on the Karnatic electric mandolin, and percussionist **V. Selvaganesh**, the group performs **Tuesday, September 30 at 8 pm** in Mershon Auditorium. *The New York Times* praised the group’s “spellbinding virtuosity...with improvisations that flew far above cultural boundaries.” *Downbeat* magazine noted, “This group is a living musical ecosystem that fluctuates as each player responds to the other.”

Shakti was a radical departure from McLaughlin’s previous work with the Mahavishnu Orchestra. Instead of the high-energy combination of jazz, classical, and rock music his fans were accustomed to, McLaughlin brought them a true melding of western jazz and traditional Indian music. Shakti was based equally in eastern and western traditions and theory. McLaughlin had studied both the Hindustani music of north India and the more formal Karnatic music of south India and brought them together in a way that won approval from both traditionalists and modern fans.

Remember Shakti has released three albums, the self-titled *Remember Shakti*, *The Believer*, and, most recently, *Saturday Night in Bombay*.

CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR REMEMBER SHAKTI:

Description: Jazz guitar great John McLaughlin, with Remember Shakti, reignites the spirit of the groundbreaking '70s band Shakti. With Zakir Hussain, U. Shrinivas, and Selvaganesh.

Date and time: Tuesday, September 30 at 8 pm

Location: Mershon Auditorium at the Wexner Center, 1871 N. High St. at 15th Avenue on The Ohio State University campus.

Tickets: \$30 general public; \$26 Wexner Center members; \$22 OSU students

Ticket outlet: Wexner Center Ticket Office/Information Desk, 614 292-3535 and Ticketmaster outlets, 614 431-3600.

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