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The "Sounds of South Asia" Exhibit Celebrates Musical Traditions of South Asian Communities

San José, CA – August 13, 2024 – San José State University's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library is proud to announce the new "Sounds of South Asia" exhibit, celebrating the vibrant musical traditions and sounds from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. This exhibit offers a unique opportunity to explore the rich tapestry of South Asian music, featuring a wide range of stringed, wind and percussion instruments that have been cherished for centuries.

The exhibit opened to the public on July 2nd and will be on display on the second floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library through August 29th, 2024. For more information, please visit the [exhibit website](#) or enjoy this [Q&A with Roy](#) on the SJSU NewsCenter blog.

Join us for the culminating event of the "Sounds of South Asia" exhibit on August 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second floor of the library, room 225. This special event will feature live demonstrations by local musicians, showcasing South Asia's rich vocal and instrumental traditions.

South Asia is home to thousands of instruments and hundreds of diverse musical traditions. While many of these seven countries share similar instruments, the way they

are played varies, with distinct arrangements of musical notes that both differ and overlap.

The visual exhibit showcases a variety of instruments, each accompanied by a QR code that visitors can scan to hear the unique sounds they produce. This immersive experience allows attendees to connect deeply with the music and its cultural significance.

Hi-res photos and additional images and materials are available upon request.

About SJSU King Library:

[San José State University \(SJSU\)'s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library](#) (King Library) brings people, ideas and information together through its spaces, resources and expertise to facilitate community building, innovation and knowledge creation.