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David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts presents

## **Zakir Hussain's *Masters of Percussion***

Thursday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Ferguson Hall at the Straz Center

Regularly priced tickets start at \$22.50

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**TAMPA, Fla.** — The David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) presents tabla superstar Zakir Hussain's *Masters of Percussion* in Ferguson Hall on Thursday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of percussion legend Zakir Hussain, *Masters of Percussion* offers the audience an opportunity to experience both melodic (*raga*) and rhythmic (*tala*) development. The performance will feature the traditional repertoire from both Hindustani (North Indian) and Carnatic (South Indian) classical traditions, Hussain's masterful tabla solo, as well as excursions exploring the frontier between traditional and contemporary, folk and classical.

Hussain is today appreciated both in the field of percussion and in the music world at large as an international phenomenon. A classical tabla virtuoso of the highest order, Hussain's consistently brilliant and exciting performances have not only established him as a national treasure in his own country, India, but have earned him worldwide fame. His playing is marked by uncanny intuition and masterful improvisational dexterity, founded in formidable knowledge and study.

Joining Hussain for *Masters of Percussion* will be Taufiq Qureshi (various percussion), Ganesh and Kumaresh (violins), Sabir Khan (sarangi), Sridhar Parthasarathy (mridangam), Navin Sharma (dholak) and the Motilal Dhakis from Bengal.

Regularly priced tickets for the Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m. performance of Zakir Hussain's *Masters of Percussion* start at \$22.50 and may be purchased by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or 800.955.1045 outside Tampa Bay, in person at the Straz Center Ticket Office or online at [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org). There will be a talkback in the theater following the performance. For more information about the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts and its upcoming events, please visit the Straz Center's website at [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

Events, days, dates, times, performers and prices are subject to change without notice.

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