



## Rita Sahai Wins Alameda County Women's Hall Of Fame Award

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Smt. Rita Sahai, acclaimed composer, performer and teacher of Hindustani Classical Music, has been selected as the 2013 "Culture and Art" inductee to the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame.

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame will celebrate its 20th Anniversary by honoring 10 new inductees at the luncheon. "Each of these outstanding inductees contributes to life in our community in ways that help make Alameda County a place that is second-to-none in terms of its vibrant culture and the rich diversity," said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, an event co-chair.

Rita Sahai is the director of the Hindustani Music Ensemble at UC Davis, administrates her own school OSMJ music and contributes to her community by lecturing and performing for schools, hospitals and non-profit organizations. Rita's musical virtuosity has garnered her many awards in India and the United States including the Isadora Duncan Award for Musical Excellence.

Her commitment to honoring multi-culturalism and our environment has led Rita to create VASUNDHARA "An Ode To Mother Earth," her 40-voice multicultural choir consisting of men, women and children, offered as a unified prayer to evoke our awe and love for the earth on which we live and for our fellow human beings.

Such a large-scale choir is unprecedented in Hindustani Music and was born from Rita's belief that "Music is the universal language, the mission of Vasundhara is to bring healing to our world"

The purpose of the Women's Hall of Fame is to recognize outstanding women for their achievements and contributions to the overall well being of our county and its citizens.

Mrs. Sahai will be accepting this prestigious award during the 2013 Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame inductees Awards Ceremony & Luncheon on Saturday, March 23, 2013 Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Avenue Oakland, CA.

More information on Rita Sahai and this event can be found at [www.ritasahai.com](http://www.ritasahai.com) and at <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame>.