

Rita Sahai to Perform at Michigan Womyn's Music Festival



Rita Sahai, a Bay Area vocalist and music educator, will bring Indian sounds to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival this week.

By a Staff Reporter

Rita Sahai, a well-known music educator and performer from the San Francisco Bay Area, has been added to the lineup of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, to be held in Walhalla, Mich.

The festival, which runs Aug. 10-15, also features performances by Jill Sobule and other favorites on the feminist music scene, as well as workshops on music, art and activism.

Sahai will perform on the festival's opening night along with Magdalen Hsu-Li, Alix Olson and Pamela Means.

Sahai — trained in the Benares and Seni Allaudin gharanas — has participated in a variety of world music festivals and has done a number of jugalbandi concerts with Carnatic musicians. She teaches at UC Davis and UC Berkeley, and is featured on a CD by Grammy Award-winning artist Bela Fleck. Sahai has a number of solo CDs to her credit, including the recently released "Meera," which featured her own devotional compositions.