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Evolution of Indian Music

Today's Indian classical music is not the outcome of a day, month or year. It took centuries of years to get matured, in other words. Indian classical music is an outcome of evolutionary process. The term 'Evolution' has been implied simultaneously to denote change and progress. Indian classical music has been flowing in two streams—
(i) Hindustani music, and
(ii) Carnatic music.
The discourse of this chapter will be confined to Hindustani music. Historical viewpoint has been applied to learn about music in different ages and the position of music in different eras.
... music historians have come to feel that music has not necessarily progressed for the sake of posterity, nor followed any one logical continuum throughout its history from ancient to modern times. According to Spengler, in what men like Spengler, and Toynbee have made known as the cyclic theory, music is viewed merely as undergoing ceaseless changes from era to era, each change originating in the special needs, tastes and satisfactions of its particular era.¹ In support of the above mentioned theory, the author

1. William S. Newman, *Understanding Music* (New York, 1961), p. 4.

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Understanding Indian rhythm through simple algorithms

Photo by Toan Nguyen Musical Chords A chord is a combination of two or more notes played at the same time.

Fundamentals of the Indian Rag (Raga)

Moreover, the key determines the chords used in a progression. The multiple voices that make up a choir blend to make a harmonious sound.

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The other five notes re, ga, ma, dha, and ni have two variants each. Chord inversions add variation, excitement, and smoother transitions in chord progressions.

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Chord Inversions Chord inversions are variations of the same chord. I am not even getting into the debate of 440 hz vs 432 hz or any other such pitch. You can build both major and minor scales from any note.

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In present times, these microcosmic traditions within the greater tradition that is Indian Classical Music have become fabricated to extent that students now will find that a lot of their practice is mixture of ideas and techniques, all sprouting from the ancient foundation. There are two parts to a bandish, each containing two or three lines and lasting only around one to two minutes each within an extended performance anywhere from twenty minutes to an hour. Ragas can be differentiated from each other by the prominence of certain fixed notes and by the sequence of a particular note or distinctive phrases.

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Some percussion musical instruments are rhythm based and could be used as a common instrument. For Indian Classical Musicians, the raga-time

tradition is still observed.

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