



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF SANTA MONICA

MID-WEEK RECITALS

ONLINE SERIES



MARCH
2026

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

12:10 p.m.

SANGAM

Paul Livingstone, sitar; Peter Jacobson, cello

PROGRAM:

Raga Kafi

Raga Bhairavi

About the Artists

Sangam is the chamber music duo of sitarist **Paul Livingstone** and cellist **Peter Jacobson**. Sangam performs innovative compositions and improvisations straddling the worlds of Indian classical music and European polyphony which arc between deep musical meditations to dynamic poly-rhythmic counterpoint. Their unique sound is imbued with the free spirit of a jazz improvisation and incorporates touches of Latin, folk and popular music styles.

Sangam means “a confluence of rivers,” it is a meeting place of disparate streams flowing into one. Paul & Pete have been recording and touring together for over 18 years performing with Arohi Ensemble, Build an Ark and Quartetto Fantastico among many other projects born of the globalized Los Angeles creative music community. Paul & Pete have been featured on four Grammy Award-winning records artists such as Ozomatli, Juan Gabriel, Quetzal & Ricky Kej and have played in a plethora of traditions, genres and styles from South Asian and Western Classical, to African, Latin, Pop, Hip-hop & Country.

Sangam’s second duo record “Taos Mountain Meditations” is available from Yarlung Records a full album of spontaneous improvisations made at the inspiring Imhof Studio in Taos to be released later this spring.

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2025-26 Schedule

- Sept 10 **Philip Vaiman**, violin
- Oct 8 **Classical Gass**, cello, guitar, and bass
- Nov 12 **Laurent Jochum**, organ
- Dec 10 **Meagan Martin**, mezzo soprano
- Jan 14 **Noah Sonderling**, piano
- Feb 11 **Gold Line Saxophone Quartet**
- Mar 11 **Sangam: Paul Livingstone**, sitar; **Peter Jacobson**, cello
- Apr 8 **Trio Pacifico**, flute, guitar and cello
- May 13 **Esther Yune, Susan Kim-Pedroza**, 4-hand piano



Presented by Dr. James E. Smith, First UMC Music Director, the Mid-Week Recital series is held online on the second Wednesdays of the month in the Fall and Spring. Recitals begin promptly at **12:10 p.m. online** then are available to view anytime afterwards.

HOW TO WATCH:

- Website: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream
- Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc)
- YouTube Channel: [@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
- The First UMC App: (App Store, search [FirstUMC_SM](#))



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To see full schedule of recitals, and watch past recitals, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series

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