

Indian Music Society  
of  
Central Illinois  
Presents

**Mystic Strings**

(A Classical Indian Music Concert of Sitar and Tabla)

Featuring

**Kushal Das  
and  
Biplab Bhattacharya**



**Pt. KUSHAL DAS - A PROFILE**

Pt. Kushal Das, a North Indian solo Sitar & Surbahar player, was born in a highly enriched musical family of Kolkata. At the age of five, he started his "talim" from his father & uncle. His grandfather, Late Sri **Bimal Das**, was a renowned Esraj player while his father, Sri **Sailen Das**, was a famous disciple of Pt. Ravi Shankar and his uncle, Sri **Santanu Das**, is a sitarist of high repute under the guidance of Ustad Ali Akbar Khan.

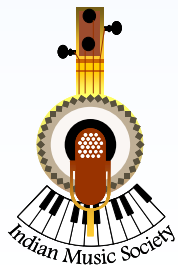
Kushal received intensive and rigorous training in advanced sitar techniques and the art of music making under the guidance of Prof. **Sanjoy Bandhopadhyay**, the renowned sitar maestro and academician. He also had the privilege of having learnt from great musicians like Pt. **Manas Chakraborty**, Late Pt. **Ramkrishna Basu**, and Late Pt. **Ajoy Sinha Roy**.

With a profound knowledge of musical understanding and Raga improvisation, Kushal is now considered as one of the foremost torchbearers of the tradition of Indian Classical Instrumental Music.

An "A" grade musician of All India Radio & Television. He has participated in almost all of the major music festivals in India & abroad. His concerts are always marked for their aesthetic appeal and insight with a fine command of technical expertise.

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**Friday, October 17th, 2008 - 7:00 to 9:30 PM - Concert**  
**Normal Community Hall, 1 Normal Plaza,**  
**1110 Douglas St., Normal IL**



**Tickets - \$15**

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