

Ravi Shankar plays Long Beach, new Beatles documentary on DVD

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Ravi & Anoushka Shankar

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George Harrison called him “the Godfather of World [Music](http://www.examiner.com/music) (<http://www.examiner.com/music>).” That [Ravi Shankar](http://www.examiner.com/topic/ravi-shankar/articles) (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/ravi-shankar/articles>) is a living legend there can be no doubt; his performances at Woodstock, the Monterey Pop Festival and the Concert for Bangla Desh were

pivotal in introducing classical Indian music to the West.

India's iconic musical ambassador and sitar maestro, who is 92, will make a rare appearance at the Long Beach Terrace Theater on Nov. 4. His special guest will be daughter Anoushka Shankar, now a star in her own right. The two-time Grammy winner has collaborated with the likes of Yehudi Menuhin, Phillip Glass, and Mstislav Rostropovich.

Shankar was previously scheduled to appear in March, a concert postponed due to illness; all tickets purchased for that date will be honored Nov. 4. For tix: call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com (<http://www.ticketmaster.com>); they're also available at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center Main Box Office at 300 E. Ocean Boulevard.

The group who played a major role in introducing Shankar to Western audiences is celebrated in a new documentary, “The Beatles—Their Golden Age.” The 60-minute doc, written and narrated by Les Krantz (available on DVD from MVD Visual) includes news footage, interviews, public appearances

and scenes from their films, including “A Hard Day’s Night,” “Help!” and “Let It Be.”

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