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**Speaker: Jeffrey Whittier**

A noted musician, Mr. Whittier began his formal study of North Indian classical flute in 1971 at the Ali Akbar College of Music in San Rafael, California with G.S. Sachdev. He is an exponent of the Indian classical tradition called "Gayaki Ang" or the style of playing based on Hindustani vocal music. He performs yearly at the the spring series concerts at the Ali Akbar College. As well as being a performer of the bansuri, or bamboo flute, he is also a master craftsman of the instrument. In a 30-year career of flute-making he has provided flutes to some of the most famous musicians of India, including Pt. Vijay Raghav Rao and Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia, leading bamboo flautists of Hindustani music.

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