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Title Interview with Ranendra Das

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Medium born digital audio file

Description Audio file of interview with Ranendra Das. He was interviewed by Satwik Padhi on 31 October 2025 in Hartford, Connecticut. Ranendra Das was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in his life. During the interview Ranendra Das discusses his connection to music. He talks about how music greatly influenced him when he was growing up. He came to the USA from Bangladesh to study photography in college. Ranendra's pivotal moment of change came when he met idol Ustad Zakir Hussain, who's a known tabla player and musician, that helped propel his musical journey in the U.S. Ranendra's first major artistic achievement was at a significant Bangladeshi association concert at Madison Square Garden. He observed that storytelling was common in Indian folk music and in American genres such as bluegrass and blues, which focus on the experiences of working-class people. He has blended three musical styles together: Indian folk, Western classical, and Middle Eastern influences. For Ranendra, assembling musicians and instruments for performances in the U.S. has become much easier over time. He views constructive criticism as a means of improving his craft and welcomes questions

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and suggestions that help him grow creatively. Ranendra believes everyone should learn how to play music because it is beneficial for brain development and connecting to different cultures.

Dimensions Duration: 50 Minutes, 46 Seconds