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### Seven in sync

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Saptashabda artistes: (top left) Ravikiran, Unnikrishnan, Palanivel, Amrit, Chaitanya Kumar, Giridhar Udupa and Charumathi Raghuraman.

*Chitravina Ravikiran, vocalist Unnikrishnan and five other artistes explore sound in Saptashabda, the opening concert of the Friday Review MusicFest 2011 on November 4, writes Chitra Swaminathan*

Divide sound by seven and the answer is 'Saptashabda', a multiple of creativity. There will be melody, meter, mood, movement and more importantly, melharmony when Chitravina ace Ravikiran strings his progressive musicality to the rich timbre of Unnikrishnan's vocals and Haridwaramangalam A.K. Palanivel's resonant thumps on the thavil.

'Saptashabda' is an inward journey to rediscover and revel in the dramatic and virtuosic possibilities of Indian music. Charumathi Raghuraman (violin) Chaitanya Kumar (flute), Bangalore Amrit (kanjira) and Giridhar Udupa (ghatam) complete the soundscape.

The concert will have seven compositions that will blend traditional values and modern sensibilities. The inventive tonal arrangements will be a musical essay on the diversity of sounds and the unity of aesthetic experience.

Ravikiran, one of the foremost cross-cultural collaborators, has been reaching out to his audience across the globe by demystifying swaras and establishing their nuances in newer ways. In the context of his concert at The Hindu Friday Review music fest, Ravikiran talks about Melharmony (the novel approach to composing that he initiated in 2000 at the Millennium Festival in the U.K. during his performance with artistes of the BBC Philharmonic) and the seven-member team's musical conversations through 'Saptashabda'.

#### Tickets

Tickets are priced at Rs. 300/200/100. Student passes are available at Rs. 50. Season passes are available for Rs. 700/ Rs. 500.

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