

Red Baraat brings rhythmic sound to Minnesota Orchestra

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Red Baraat, the pioneering, eight-piece world music band from Brooklyn that turns each performance into a joyful dance party, brings its infectious sound to Minneapolis in its first-ever concert at Minnesota Orchestra Hall on April 25.

Since forming in 2008, the band of horns, drums and voices has been a hit at clubs, concert halls and festivals alike, drawing praise for its cutting-edge fusion of musical languages. The group has also drawn special notice for its 2013 album, "Shruggy Ji," which debuted at the top of the Billboard World Music Charts and was named one of NPR's 10 favorite world music albums of 2013.

The concert takes place Friday, April 25, at 8 p.m., at Minnesota Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, in downtown Minneapolis, with ticket prices ranging from \$25 to \$45. Tickets are available online at www.minnesotaorchestra.org and by phone at (612) 371-5656.

Red Baraat has drawn worldwide praise for its unique sound – a merging of hard-driving North Indian bhangra rhythms with elements of jazz, go-go, brass funk and hip-hop. Red Baraat tours around the globe for nearly 200 dates a year, furthering its mission of manifesting joy and unity in all people. Critics have praised its performances as "a shot of pure adrenalin" and "a crazy blast of fun" and audiences regularly join in that fun, dancing along with moves taught by the band.

Red Baraat's recent activities include performances at such festivals as Bonnaroo, Central Park Summerstage and Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, as well as tours of both India and Pakistan. In 2012 it performed at the TED Conference in front of a dancing audience of leaders including Al Gore, Matt Groening and David Byrne. The band was created in Brooklyn by Sunny Jain, a first-generation Indian-American whose influences range from jazz to Punjabi music to Bollywood rhythms.

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