

Symphony

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Each month we present a short text by Daniel Levy, a world-renowned classical pianist and the Co-Founder and Director of the International Academy of Euphony.

He is giving expression to a synthesis of modern and traditional Wisdom of Sound and Music and its therapeutic, cathartic, educational, psychological and aesthetic effects on the human being.

"Music and the Arts are defined as realities that penetrate the spiritual and physical levels and as instruments of knowledge and transformation for an enriching human coexistence."

MUSIC - A PATH TO WISDOM

A two thousand years old Sanskrit text relates that the sounds of the different instruments are arranged according to their place in the Universe. The sound of the flute comes from the greatest distance. It is associated with Nada, the inaudible sound, an infinite space beyond the visible world. Next come the different wind and reed instruments such as the shenai, which are from the visible sphere of the firmament. Brass instruments like trumpets are found at the edge of the atmosphere, while bowed string instruments penetrate the atmosphere. Plucked string instruments are next, their sounds range from the highest to the lowest situated near the ground. Low sounds can also come from inside the earth. In this case they respond to the motion and resonance of the earth.

The whole universe is Music and its substance is Sound. Music is a path to Wisdom and is Wisdom itself. The Silence invoked is not void but a plenum, with plenty of energy and meaning. Goethe said that Music gives us a presentiment of a perfect world. For that we need to Listen.

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