



the committee for the arts of the indian subcontinent
at the SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Date: Saturday, Feb 21st, 2015

Time: 3 pm

Venue: San Diego Museum of Art, Board Room

MESSAGES FROM INDIA

In October 2013, a trip to the spectacular Ajanta and Ellora ancient caves in the state of Maharashtra, India catalyzed a new integration of creative expressions through Payson's video, poetry, and music.

Payson calls this work Video Tone Poems/VTPs. A tone poem is classically defined piece of orchestral music, usually in one movement, on a descriptive or rhapsodic theme. These VTPs focus on Spiritual Messages (Indian spiritual and cultural sites), Natural Messages (the environment), and Afflicted Messages (the human condition). His VideoTonePoems Suite-I were first shown in New Delhi at the Gandhi Peace Foundation in October 2014.

Messages from India will show some of the video tone poems of both ancient India (e.g. Ajanta and Ellora Caves) and modern India. It will explore/discuss the experience of visiting India since 1996 and the enormous changes that globalization have brought, especially from living and working in remote Himalayan Valley since 2000.

Payson R. Stevens



Payson R. Stevens is an American trained in the earth sciences and art. For over 25 years he worked with NASA, NOAA, and the USGS on global change issues. He lives half the year with his wife, the writer Kamla K. Kapur (<http://www.kamlakkapur.com/>), in a remote area of the Kullu Valley where he paints, writes, and does sewa/service.

Since 2000, he has advised on environmental, sustainable livelihood, and ecotourism issues for the Great Himalayan National Park/GHNP and spearheaded its successful UNESCO Inscription as a World Heritage Site (June 2014) through Friends of GHNP, which he co-founded in 2000

(www.greathimalayannationalpark.com). His artwork can be seen at <http://www.energylandscapes.com/>

Registration

RSVP to jas@dutia.net or call 858-792-9439 no later than Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Admission ticket includes reception with speaker, refreshments and the lecture

Free to CAIS members \$8 for full time students \$10 for Museum members \$20 for Non-Members

PROGRAM:

3:00 p.m. - Registration, Refreshments & Reception with Speaker

3:30 p.m. - Lecture