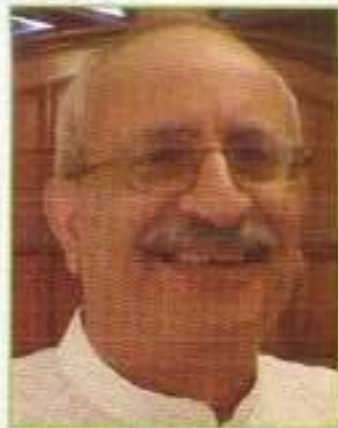


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The Sound of Music

In Fine Arts, music is most appreciated. You can look at a painting for a while, but you can't stare at it for long. Music can change your mood. It can soothe your temper, make you happy or peaceful.

Every country has a different sort of music, different melodies and most of all, different instruments. Every state in India has a different music and different instruments. This calendar celebrates the instruments of India.



Dear Friends,

All my friends know about my love for music and art. This time music and art are combined within this calendar! The instruments of India are unique. No country, besides India, has created a sitar or a tabla or a tanpura. And if they copy one, who will play it??

This artist has been painting my calendars for nine years. I think he will carry on - until he doesn't want to.

I had all his original paintings. I tried to hang them around the house, but my friends took them away. So now this lot is going into my basement where I can happily look at them when I want to. Remind me to lock the door.

Burman

Pradip Burman

Sa Re Ga Ma

ABOUT THE ARTIST

This artist painted musicians and their instruments. If you look closely, you will recognise that the musicians he painted are real and famous! But he was more interested about the instruments. Every detail of a sitar, with its strings and the keys to tighten the wires and the design on the decorated stem and the grain of the wood was painted. This was for all the instruments.

He used mixed media. Which means he used everything. Oil and water colour and pencils and crayons. But when you look at the painting, you just see the painting. Try to recognise which media is where. I couldn't see it.

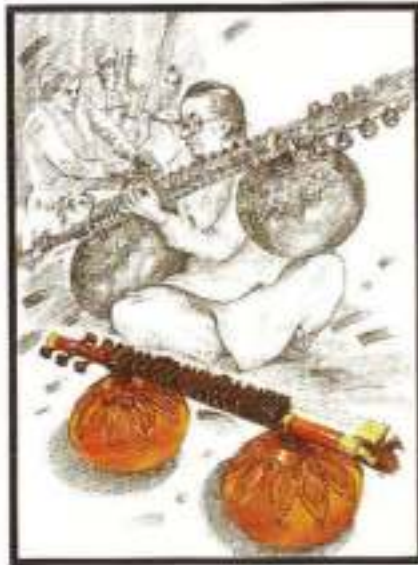
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The Sound of Music



Shakespeare said "If music be the food of love, play on!" Music needs instruments.

Many, many thousand years ago, some human may have blown into a reed and a sweet note came out. He blew into the reed again to hear the sweet note. This may have been the beginning of music. The world has now over 600 hundred instruments! And lots of people playing them. There are very few people who do not like music.

Instruments are blown, banged, plucked or bowed. Every country made their own instruments. As the world gets older, instruments got more sophisticated. The only one, which was internationally common, was the drum. But not one type of drum. There are drums bigger than a man, and smaller than a person's head. The Indian drum for musicians, the "tabla", has actual musical notes!

Western classical music needs an orchestra of twenty to fifty musicians. Indian classical music needs three.

The maestro, the percussionist and the drone player. That does not mean that India has only three instruments! You will see only some of them in this calendar.

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Bansuri



Harmonium

Mridangam



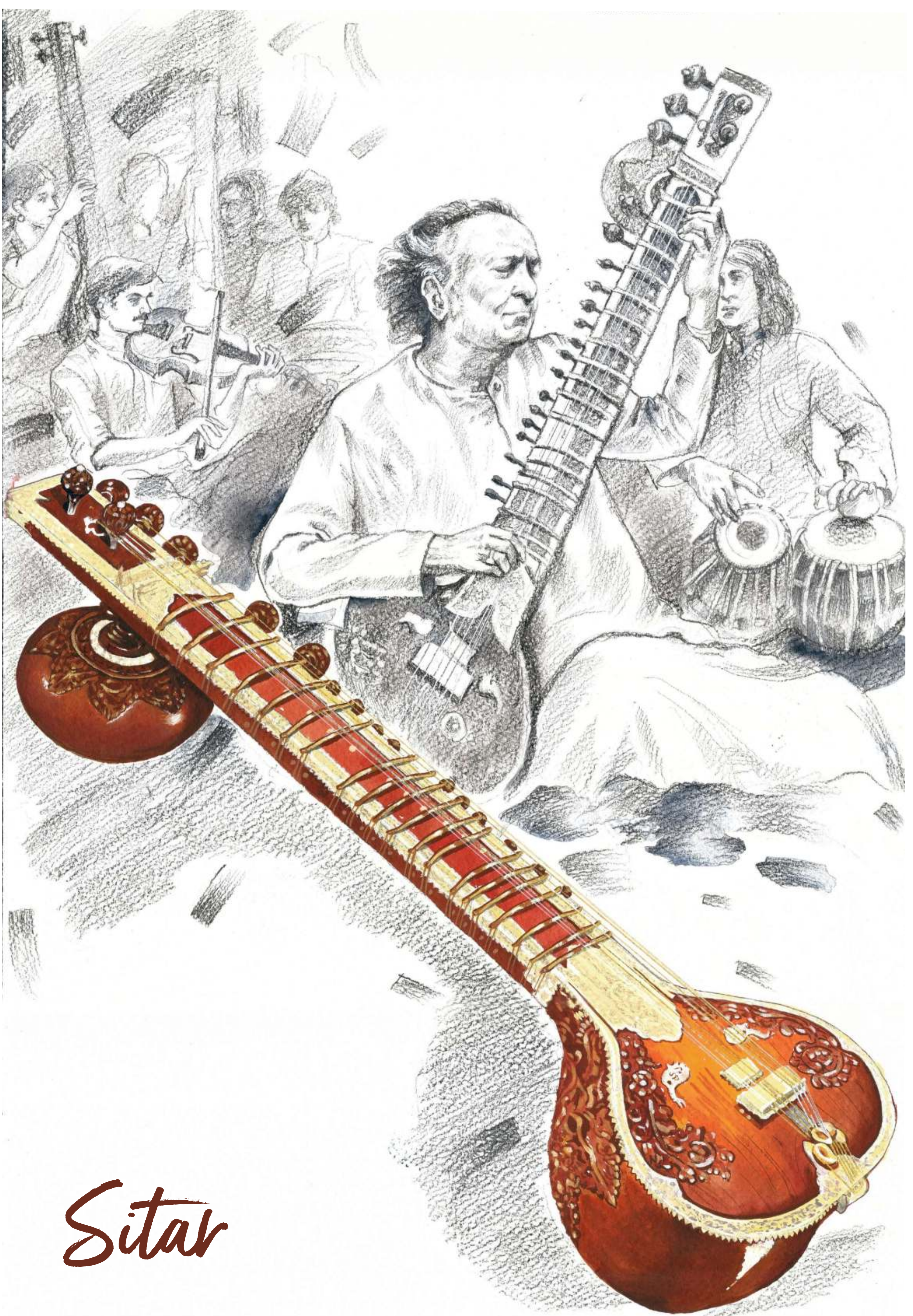
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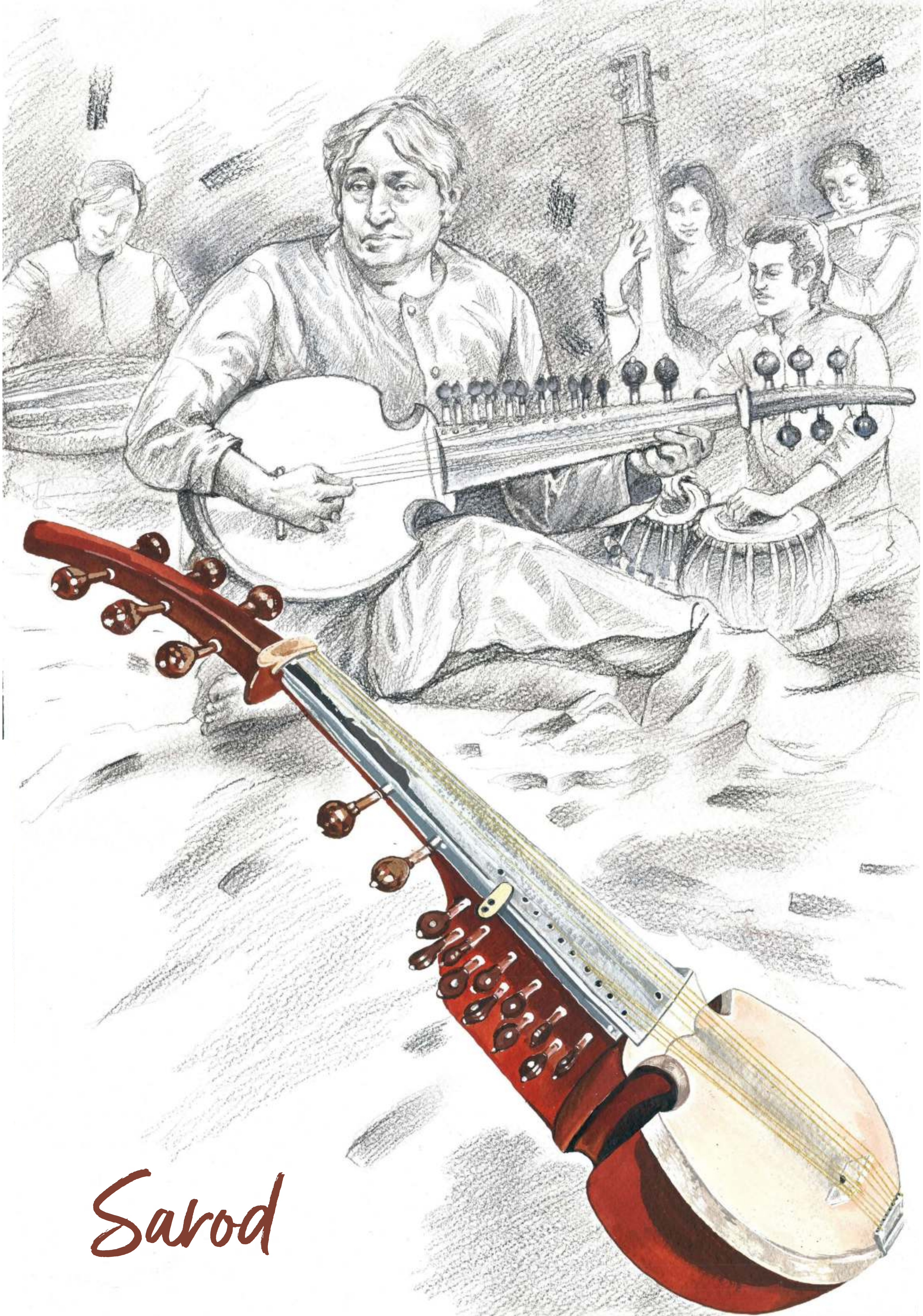
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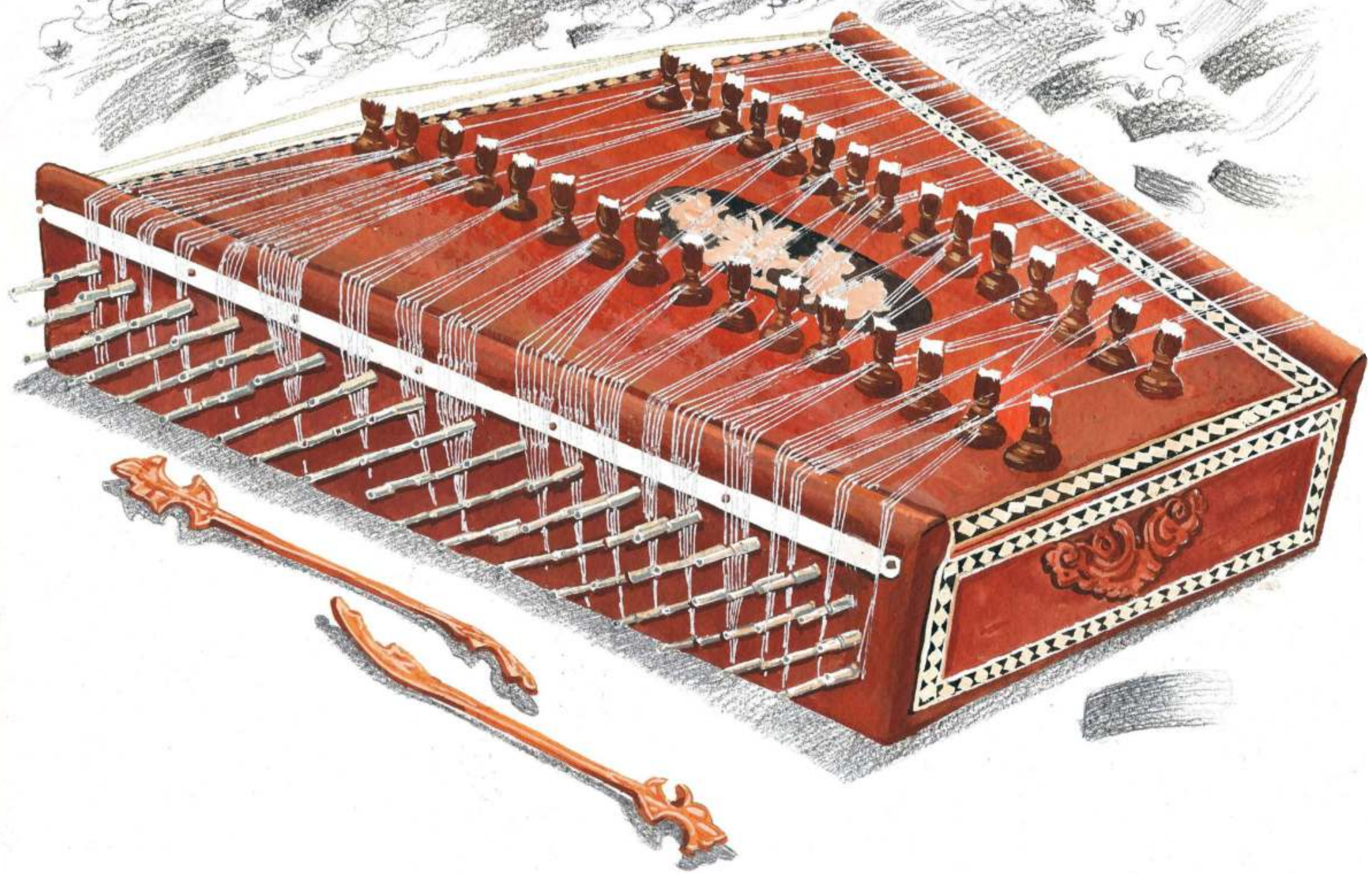
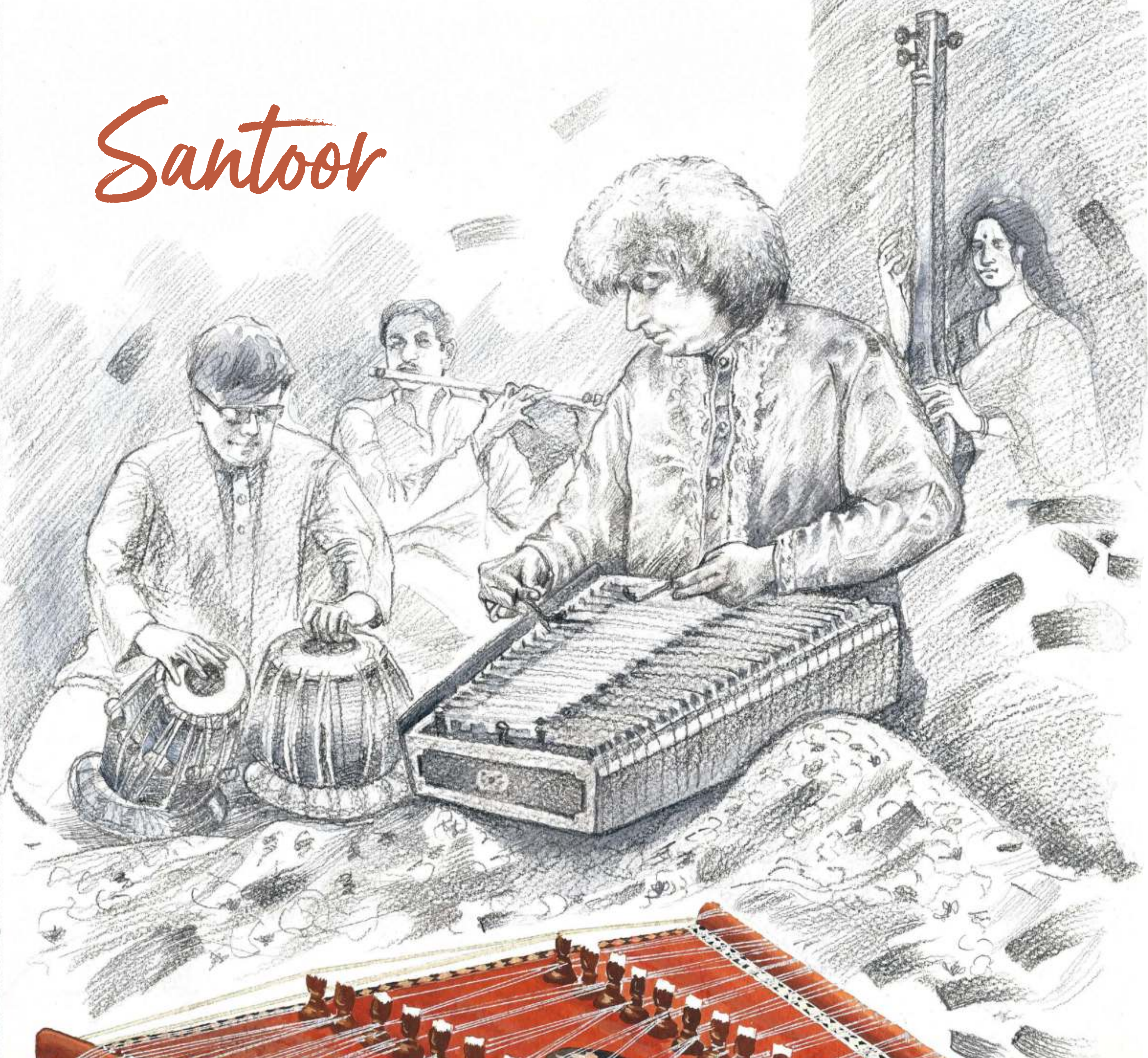


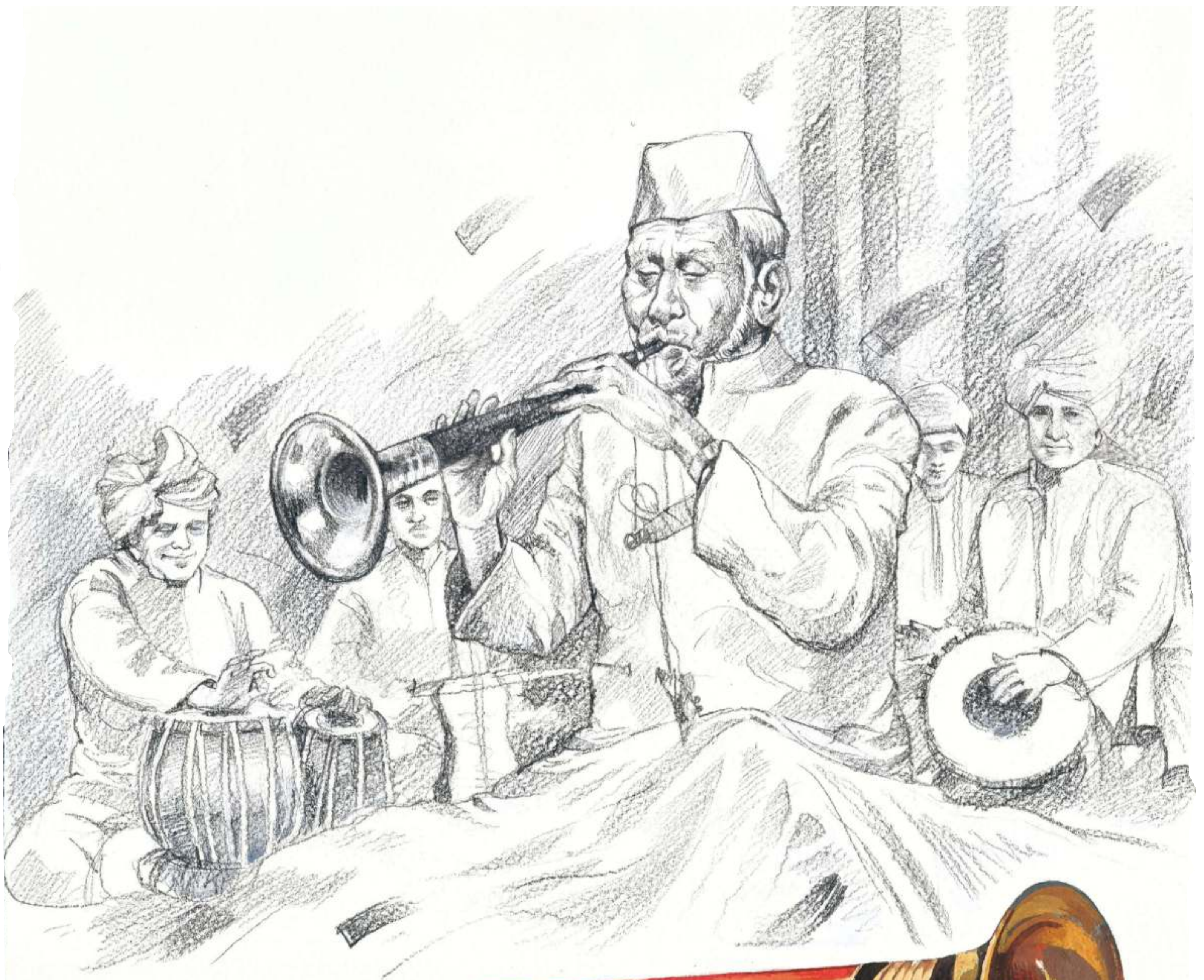
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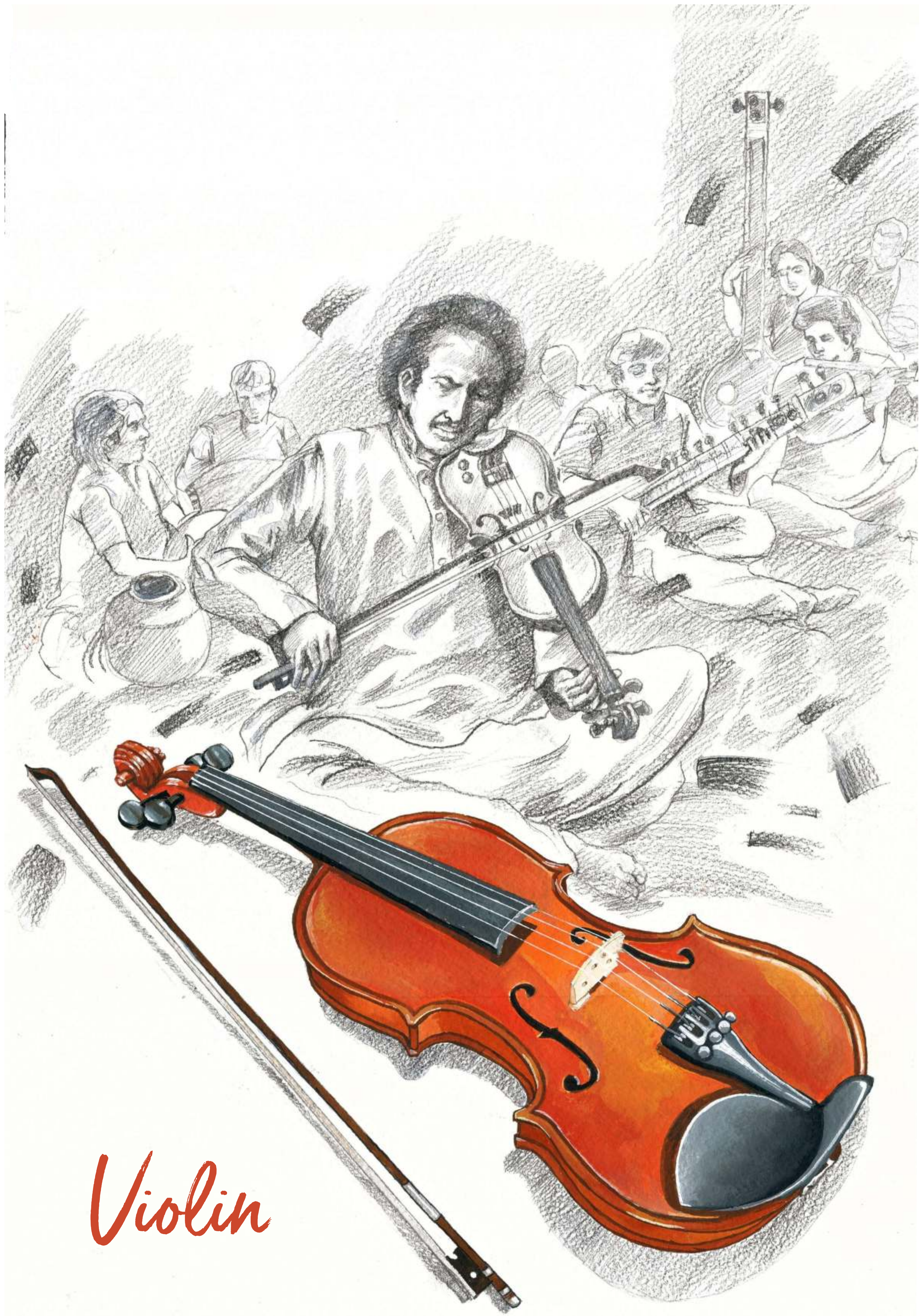




Shehnai

Tabla





Violin