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**Sunday September 4, 2011 3:15-4:15pm**  
**Pyramid Stage**  
**Detroit International Jazz Festival**  
**Dave Sharp and the Secret Seven:**  
**Journey to India wsg Parag Ray**

Dave Sharp-Electric & Double Bass  
Parag Ray-Vocals  
Chris Kaercher-Tenor & Soprano saxophones  
Eric " Chucho" Wilhelm-Drums & Percussion  
John Churchville-Tabla & Percussion  
Duncan McMillan-Piano & Keyboards  
Atmaram Chaitanya-Tamboura

This world jazz concert **Journey to India** will feature the Indian influence found in the music of Secret Seven, and will feature special guest Hindustani vocalist **Parag Ray**.

***Parag Ray** is a trained Hindustani Classical singer from Kolkata, West Bengal India, and now residing in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She received her musical training since early childhood in INDIA and her stunningly rich and expressive vocal style encompasses Thumri, Dadra & Ghazal. Her Debut Album: **Parag – " A Revival of Bangla Thumris"** has been inspired by the immortal works of Begum Akhtar and features celebrities such as Jatilleshwar Mukherjee (Composer/Lyricist), Durbadal Chatterjee (Music Arrangement) and many famous instrumentalists from India. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0vj8NarCVw>.*

**Lansing Jazz Festival Organizer Mike Skory reports on Secret Seven at the Lansing Jazz festival Aug 4, 2011:** "Everyone loved Dave Sharp. He showed us so many new rhythms and melodies and then brought them all together into his jazz. They will love Dave Sharp at the Detroit Jazz Festival this fall!"

**Dave Sharp's Secret Seven is "World Jazz for the Jazz World"**. With the new full length CD "7" charting for national radio airplay in the CMJ top 30, Secret Seven transcends musical, national, and ethnic boundaries by re-interpreting, not fusing, influences from Africa, Asia, the Latin world, Blue Note Jazz, and that other planet, New Orleans. Secret Seven features **Dave Sharp** on electric & double bass, leading a steady groove and laying the foundation for the band's irresistible melodies. Native Detroiter Sharp became devoted to Jazz at the University of Michigan and refined his chops under the tutelage of renowned bassist Herbie Lewis (McCoy Tyner, Cannonball Adderly, Les McCann) in San Francisco, and virtuoso bassist, composer and bandleader Marion Hayden (Straight Ahead) in Detroit. As bassist and composer for the modern jazz ensemble Spheres of Influence, and touring bassist for the seminal rock band The Melvins (Atlantic Records), Sharp has already made a mark on the national scene. Sharp lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he composes, records, teaches and performs.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnEHA1MQUBI>

**THE DETROIT INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL** <http://www.detroitjazzfest.com/>  
**SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2011 Labor Day Weekend Hart Plaza Detroit, MI**

The Detroit Jazz Festival is a major cultural institution, providing year-round concerts and educational programming that culminates in one of the world's premier jazz festivals on Labor Day Weekend.

**SECRET SEVEN MAKES THE JAZZ TIMES MAGAZINE 2010 Critics Poll**

<http://jazztimes.com/articles/26945-2010-critic-ballots-revealed>

**2010 Critic Ballots Revealed**

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