

## **35<sup>th</sup> PARALLEL**

### **About Gabe Halberg**

#### **tabla, tar, jaw harp, pakhawaj, percussion**

Gabe has studied music with two of India's finest tabla masters. He began his studies in 1993 at the Ali Akbar College of Music in California under the guidance of Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri. At this time Gabe was an off-campus student at Goddard College, receiving a degree in Tabla Composition in 1995. Since 1997, Gabe's musical training has continued with Pandit Samir Chatterjee in New York City.

Gabe is self-taught on various percussion instruments including the tar and jaw harp. In Hindustani classical performances Gabe has been featured as both a soloist and an accompanist, and over the last several years has participated in various world music ensembles. Gabe is dedicated to spreading knowledge of the tabla and Hindustani classical music throughout New England. He teaches regular classes in Burlington, VT and Hampton Falls, NH and gives performances throughout the region.

Gabe's website is [www.tabla-vermont.com](http://www.tabla-vermont.com).

### **About Mac Ritchey**

#### **oud, electric oud, bouzouki, acoustic guitar, didgeridoo, soundscapes**

Once referred to as a "musical Swiss army knife," multi-instrumentalist Mac Ritchey has been playing music since the age of five. Studying electronic music at Oberlin College and anthropology at Brandeis University, Mac has been influenced by a vast palette of musical traditions and genres. Guitar being his primary instrument for over 20 years, Mac also plays a variety of percussion and stringed instruments. He currently studies oud with Alan Shavarsh Bardezbanian. As the proprietor of Possum Hall Recording Studios. Mac is deeply involved in promoting music throughout New England. Working with clients whose projects run the gamut of genres, Mac brings a wealth of experience to both the studio and the stage. Mac's website is [www.possumhall.com](http://www.possumhall.com).

Past 35th Parallel performances include:

- Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington VT
- Club Passim, Boston
- Wesleyan University, Middletown CT
- The Chapin School, NYC
- Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor CT

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