

My guru used to say that "the ass that carries sandalwood knows only the weight and not the value of the sandalwood". No amount of books that we have in the US or India or any nation would come close to having authenticity woven in the journey of learning any art form for sure and thanks to Havighurst Center, we are blessed with having Michael Delchev in for a week to bring the glory of Balkan Music tradition into the lives of our students.....

Michael's presence has allowed Miami to grow richer today. Each of you at Havighurst Center and the Department of Music are heroes to welcome this proposal to invite him. Thank you so much.

.... I feel blessed that the Global Rhythms wagon has hitched itself to stars from several worlds and Michael Delchev is the latest star.

Above all, I am clear that this has to be fun, and this is what we all must keep uppermost in mind. Thanks to your support, we are better off today because of visiting scholars like Delchev in our community only because learning from gurus like him allows students and people like me to not just expand our mind, but strengthen it. The process allows for something that we call "awakening".

We look forward to the next couple of days of Delchev's residency but are sure that every student will run through the tape at the end of this race, thus making every member a champion.

Respectfully,

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