Blending Indian, Western music

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MYSORE: It will be fusion music with a difference. The JSS Sangeetha Sabha will serve a musical feast this Sunday when Indian classical music forms—Carnatic and Hindustani, will be blended with the Western tunes at the foot of Chamundi Hills.

The special ‘Moonlight Music’ fest at Suttur Mutt here will have city-based noted violinist Mysore Manjunath and sitar player Ustad Rafique Khan performing with US-based guitarist Fred Hamilton. Netherlands artist Ned McGowan’s flute will add another dimension.

JSS Sangeeth Sabha president K V Murthy told reporters on Friday that the four artists are masters in their own genre.

The special event will start at 6 pm. Majority of the compositions are Indian. These artists will be accompanied by noted artists Pandit Vishwanath Nakod (tabala), Poovalur Srinivasan (mrundagam) and Giridhar Udupa (ghatam). Students from North Texas University, who are attending a workshop on Indian classical music in Mysore, are also part of the gala event.