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### Annenberg Center presents funky fusion band Red Baraat

(Philadelphia, December 3, 2012)— The pioneering Brooklyn dhol 'n' brass party band Red Baraat bring their spirit and funk to this one-night-only show as part of the Annenberg Center's Asian Roots Series. Combining the sounds of traditional Indian bhangra with New Orleans jazz and Brooklyn attitude, the members of Red Baraat take the stage "putting some New York bluster atop faraway roots" (*The New York Times*). This performance will take place on **Saturday, January 26 at 8 PM**. Tickets are \$20-\$45 (prices are subject to change). For tickets or for more information, please visit **AnnenbergCenter.org** or call 215.898.3900. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Annenberg Center Box Office.



"A fiery blend of raucous Indian bhangra and funky New Orleans brass" (*Village Voice*), Red Baraat's high-energy musical stylings are equal parts concert and party. Led by dhol player Sunny Jain, this nine-piece band is comprised of dhol (double-sided barrel shaped North Indian drum slung over one shoulder), drum set, percussion, sousaphone and five horns. Red Baraat's music combines elements of funk, go-go, Latin and jazz. The band has a wholly unique groove completed by a singular fusion of sounds from the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

Since the band came together in 2008, Red Baraat has recorded numerous albums and performed at venues all around the world ranging from Lincoln Center to the New Orleans Jazz Festival to clubs in the heart of Brooklyn. In 2011, the group's title track off the album *Chaal Baby* was used as background music in the promo ads for hit television show, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*. *The Village Voice* raves of the album, "*Chaal Baby* is an unstoppable blend of Bollywood hijacks and funk freakier than anything Madlib picked up on his trip to India." This performance will feature songs from the band's newest album, *Shruggly Ji* and some of their past critically-acclaimed hits.

#### **INSIGHTS**

##### **6:30 PM**

Audiences can attend a pre-show talk with Red Baraat bandleader and dhol drummer, Sunny Jain and David Dye, host of *World Café* on WXPB.

##### **7 PM**

Audiences can sample a pre-show Taste of India featuring complimentary appetizers in the Main Lobby. This event is first come, first served.

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