

Introduction to Vedic Astrology with Charlotte Benson and A.T. Mann at the Rubin Museum

On Wednesday evening, August 15, 2018, at the Rubin Museum of Himalayan Art in New York City, our very own ACVA President, Charlotte Benson, gave an instructive, humorous, and thoroughly engaging presentation on Vedic Astrology to an enthusiastic audience of about 150 people. This fabulous, sold-out event was part of a five-part series “Astrology, Prophecy and Divination”, which was curated by astrologer, artist, and author A.T. (Tad) Mann.

First, Charlotte and Tad conversed about the differences between Vedic and Western astrology, after which Charlotte explained the basics of Jyotisa in a very clear, easy-to-understand manner, which was enhanced by a beautifully illustrated power point presentation. The highlight of the evening, however, occurred when Charlotte did an impromptu reading for a willing member of the audience. Not only did Charlotte explain the key elements of her chart but was a sensitive consultant as one must be when speaking about someone’s horoscope to an audience of strangers.

The audience was completely mesmerized by Charlotte’s captivating presentation, and I spoke to quite a few people who knew Western astrology and whose interest in Jyotisa was piqued by the lecture. This could be seen in the long line of people who waited after the lecture to thank Charlotte and ask her questions. Since I live in New York City, I was fortunate enough to attend this fabulous event but the good news is that you can watch the entire presentation on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV9warVWuQM>.

I hope that more museums and institutions will host public forums that continue to present astrology in such a positive light. A big thank you to Charlotte and Tad and the Rubin Museum for a wonderful evening.

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