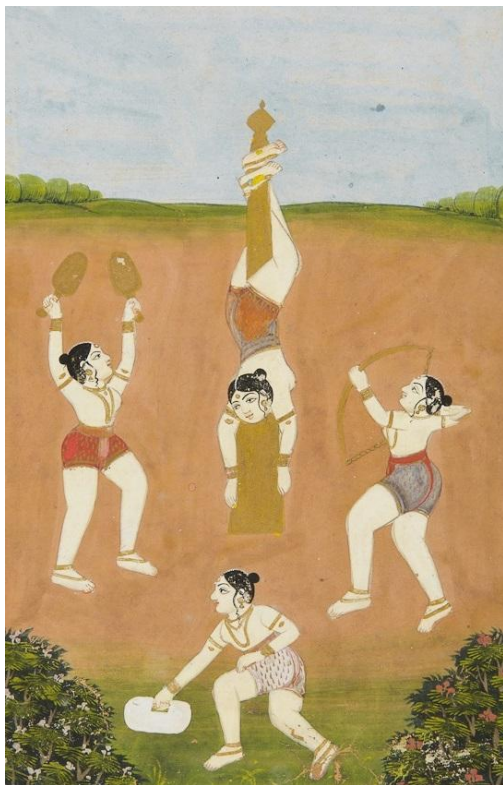


Ragamalas are a set of paintings depicting musical modes in Indian classical music known as ragas. Its root word, raga, also means colour or mood, and the depiction of these moods was a favoured subject in such paintings.



There are over 300 different ragas in Indian classical music, and so to make things easier, they were bunched up into families. There are raga husbands and wives, and even raga sons and daughters!

This is the painting showing Desakh Ragini with the mood of fierceness and bravery. In the ragamala painting, these traits are symbolised by acrobats and athletic figures.

That is why you can see a group of women acrobats, exercising and practicing skills like archery.

*Desakh Ragini, Unknown Maker(s), PTG.01140*

Imagine if Desakh Ragini were a real person – maybe even the one on the pole in this painting! What would her personality be like?

What might be her hobbies?

What kind of people do you think she would hang out with?

What kind of music does she listen to?

What is her sense of fashion like?

## Take inspiration from this painting and imagine if every person in your family were a raga or ragini, what would their ragamala paintings be like?

Use the template below to give each of the members a Raga name, and fill in the other details about them. Once you have all your characters, try drawing a family portrait of these people that highlight your notes - whether through their physical appearance, their clothes, a pet they might keep or the addition of a prop!

### Family member #1

Relation to you:

Personality:

Fav. Music:

Fav. Hobby:

A song that suits them:

### Family member #2

Relation to you:

Personality:

Fav. Music:

Fav. Hobby:

A song that suits them:

### Family member #3

Relation to you:

Personality:

Fav. Music:

Fav. Hobby:

A song that suits them:

### Family member #4

Relation to you:

Personality:

Fav. Music:

Fav. Hobby:

A song that suits them:

To get you started, here is a MAP team member's portrait of her family. What do you guys think? Send us YOUR portraits!

### Family member #1

Relation to you: **Mother**

Personality: **Extroverted**

Fav. Music: **Bollywood**

Fav. Hobby: **Gardening**

A song that suits:  
**Bubbly**

### Family member #2

Relation to you: **Father**

Personality: **Eccentric**

Fav. Music: **Retro**

Fav. Hobby: **Reading**

A song that suits: **Born  
to be wild**

### Family member #3

Relation to you: **Brother**

Personality: **Shy**

Fav. Music: **Classical**

Fav. Hobby: **Watching  
Movies**

A song that suits: **All by  
myself**



Do not forget to send us your artworks at [education@map-india.org](mailto:education@map-india.org) or DM us at mapbangalore on Instagram. We'd love to see what you've come up with!