

ARNAB CHATTERJEE

(Vocalist of Hindustani Classical Music)



ABOUT PANDIT ARNAB CHATTERJEE

The musical heritage initiated by Ustad Abdul Karim Khan Sahib and Ustad Abdul Wahid Khan Sahib, The doyen of Kirana Gharana has meandered through the ages and is still survived by a quite a few vocalists ; Pt. Arnab Chatterjee is unambiguously identified as one of them Arnab Chatterjee was born and groomed in a musical ambience amidst nature in the suburban town of Basirhat, near Kolkata. Initiated into music at the early age of five by his father Late Sangeetachariya Sree Arun Kr Chatterjee, a learned musician of the Kirana Gharana, Arnab was later groomed by none other than Late Pandit A. Kanan and Vidushi Malabika Kanan and Ustad Mashkoo Ali Khan. Arnab flowered into a young performer very early in his life. At the age of seven only he shared the platform with Ustad Amjad Ali Khan at Suresh Sangeet Sammelan, Kolkata in the year 1979.

ITC S.R.A.Sangeet Sammelan '81 saw him as a nine year old performer bursting with Confidence. Securing top position in competitions has been his way of life. A recipient of the National Talent Scholarship, Arnab was awarded the gold medal along with the Degree of Sangeet Visharad by securing the first position. Being an 'A' grade artist in the item of khyal and thumri of All India Radio & Doordarshan Kolkata His Regular outstanding performances has raised high hopes among the music lovers and experts. He also performed at The National Programme of Music broadcasted at ALLINDIA RADIO. The Sursingar Samad, Mumbai, bestowed him with the Title of 'Surmani'. Arnab was an ex-scholar of ITC-SRA, KOLKATA, had joined as a faculty member in the year of 1998 and studied under the guidance of Late Pandit A Kanan and Vidushi Malabika Kanan and Ustad Mashkoor Ali Khan. He has been selected and being empanelled as an artist of Hindustani classical music (vocal) by ICCR, Govt of India. Arnab stood the first position in All India Music Competition organized by Pandit Omkarnath Thakur Sangeet Mondal, Bharuch, Gujrat in the year 2002. Now he is attached with Rabindra Bharati University, Bengal Music College Under the University of kolkata and Vishwa Varati Shantiniketan as an external Examiner of Classical Vocal Music on regular basis. BHARATIYA SANSKRITI SAMSAD, KOLKATA, awarded him as a Best vocalist for the year 2005. Arnab Chatterjee was deputed at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh as Hindustani Vocal Music trainer cum performer by ICCR, Govt. of India since Feb, 2010 to Feb, 2012. He has number of students at India and abroad who are acclaimed as good performer in the field of Hindustani Classical Vocal Music. Besides his Career in Music Arnab Chatterjee passed the graduation in Economics from the University of kolkata. At present Pandit Arnab Chatterjee is a one of the most acclaimed vocalist in the scenario of Hindustani Classical music. He is maintaining the pure tradition of Kirana Gharana with mixing the other forms of gayaki both in Khyal and Thumri with high intellectuality which makes his presentation Very colorful and popular and able to established himself as a very popular vocalist of India.

List of achievements :

- 1) First prize winner in All Bengal Music Competition (Both Junior & Senior) in the year 1981.**
- 2) He won the national talent scholarship from CCRT, New Delhi in the year 1983.**
- 3) Stood First and awarded Gold Madel at Sangeet Visharad in the year 1991.**
- 4) Selected as scholar of ITC SANGEET RESEARCH ACDEMY KOLKATA in the year 1998**
- 5) Sur Singer Samsad Mumbai bestowed him with the title of 'Surmani' in the year 2000.**
- 6) Stood in First position in All India Vocal Music Competition at Bharuch (Gujrat) in the year 2002.**

- 7) Selected and empanelled as an artist of Hindustani Classical Music of I.C.C.R Government of India**
- 8) An 'A' grade Artist of All India Radio & Doordarshan Kolkata in the item of Khayal of Hindustani Classical Music in the year 2001**
- 9) Bharatiya Sanskriti Samsad awarded him as a best vocalist for the year 2005.**
- 10) Selected as an Examiner of Rabindra Bharati University Kolkata , Vishwa Bharati University Shantiniketan, Bengal Music College, University of Kolkata**
- 11) Arnab Chatterjee was deputed at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh since Feb, 2010 to Feb, 2012 by ICCR, Govt. of India as Hindustani Vocal Music Trainer Cum Performer.**
- 12) Kundal Guru Samman 2019 conferred by Pt Balabhau Umrekar Smriti Sangeet Samiti Gwalior.**
- 13) Honoured as a renowned and successful Guru in the field of Hindustani Classical Music by EICD Project, of Art and Culture in the year 2020.**
- 14) Baba Allaiddin Khan Smriti Samman 2020 conferred by Baba Allaiddin Khan Music Foundation (Delhi).**
- 15) Pt Ghanarang Prakash Samman 2020-21, conferred by Dumraon Gharana Dhrupad Tradition, Darbhanga, Bihar .**
- 16) Awarded top 100 iconic artist award by SCL Rhythm Research Centre.**

List of performances :

- # Suresh Sangeet Sammelan, at Mahajati Sadan , Kolkata in the year 1979.**
- # 8th Annual Music Festival by Pratishruti Parishad, Kolkata on 16th August 1981.**
- # Ballygunge Music Circle at Birla Academy, Kolkata in the year 1983.**
- # Pandit Girja Shankar Smriti Sammelan at Rabindra Sadan , Kolkata in the year 1985.**
- # At Mumbai, Kal Ki Kalakar Sangeet Sammelan on 9th July, 2000.**
- # ITC SRA music festival at Jodhpur Umid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur in the year 2001.**
- # At Dover Lane Music Conference, Kolkata in the year 2001.**
- # At Swar Vilas, Baroda, Gujrat in the year 2002.**
- # At Sodepur Nadabrahamma Sangeet Sebashram at Panihati Lok Sanskrit Bhawan Kolkata on 5th December, 2004.**

At Bhowanipur Sangeet Sammelan at Kolkata in the year-1996,2001,2003,2005

At Pandit Bishnu Digambar Janma Jayanti Samaroh at Patna on 20th August, 2005.

At silver jubilee auditorium, Bangalore organized by Sur Sagar Society Bangalore on 8th July, 2005,

At Ballygunj Maitrayee Music Circle, Madhusudan Manch at Kolkata on 9th January 2005.

At W.B. Rajya Sangeet Academy Sangeet Sammelan at Rabindra Sadan Kolkata on 9th January, 20

#At Bharatiya Sanskriti Samsad , Kolkata on 4th March 2005

#At Saltlake Music Festival , Kolkata on 15th January, 2006. #

At Anirban Foundation Kolkata on 9th June, 2007.

Performed at "SPRIT OF THE SPRING FESTIVAL, on 5th February 2008 at kalamandir, Kolkata, sharing the platform with the living legends like Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, Pandit Kumar Bose, Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty, Ustad Sahid Parvez Khan, Begam Parvin Sultana etc.

Performed at Ramakrishna Mission Institute Of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata on 21st February 2008 AND 19TH September 2013

Performed at National Programme Of Music from AIR, Kolkata, in the year 2008 and 2010 and 2013

Performed at NCPA, Mumbai on 31st July 2009.

Performed at Sangeet Mahabharati, Mumbai on 1st August 2009.

Performed at Chhayanaut, Dhaka, Bangladesh on 24th December 2010.

Performed at Dhaka Club and Dhaka University and High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh in the year 2010.

Performed at Sadarang Sangeet Sammelan organized by Sadarang Uchchanga Sangeet Parishad, Chittagong, Bangladesh in the year 2012.

Performed at Shadaj, Delhi on 24th February 2013.

Performed at Ustad Alladiya Khan Music Festival, Mumbai on 30th March 2013.

Performed at Kolkata Music Forum on 30th November 2013.

Performed at Harivallabh Sangeet Mahasabha on 21st December year 2013.

Performed at Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow Music festival on 12th February 2014 at Kalamandir, Kolkata organized by Indo Occidental Symbiosis, Kolkata.

- # Performed at The Jagatguru Ramanandacharya Silver Jubilee Mahotsav at Ayodhya on 2nd April 2014.**
- # Performed Sankat Mochan Sangeet Samaroha, Varanashi on 21st April 2014.**
- # Performed at Rabindra Tirtha Kolkata on 20th April 2014 organized by "Dhrubapad".**
- # Performed at Rabindra Okakura bhawan on 12th July 2014 on the occasion of Gurupurnima organized by MADHYAMI, Kolkata.**
- # Performed at GDBirla Sabhaghar on 27th July 2014 organized by Sangeetashram, kolkata.**
- # Performed at Srimath Sangeet Somaroha, Varanashi on 27th October, 2014.**
- # Performed at Bardhaman Music conference at Sanskriti Lokmancha organized by Bardhaman Assembly of Music on 7th December 2014.**
- # Performed at Dadar Matunga Cultural Center Mumbai on 22nd November 2015.**
- # Performed at the concert organized by INCOME TAX SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB, WEST BENGAL at Rajya Yuva Kendra, Kolkata on 8th April 2016**
- # Performed at Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan on 24th September 2016 .**
- # Performed at The Music Festival organized by PARAMPARIK TRADITION on 27th November 2016 at GD BIRLA SABHAGHR KOLKATA**
- # Performed at Bharatiya Sangeet Vidyalaya Dhrawad in the Memory of Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi on 1st January 2017**
- # Performed at SAPTAK Music Festival Ahmedabad on 5th January 2017**
- # Performed at Pulin Debbarma Tripura Sashtriya Sangeet Samaroha organized by Information and Culture Department, Tripura Govt**
- # Performed at Guru Virendra Narayan sinha Smriti Sashtriya sangeet Samaroha, Giridhi**
- # Performed at Krishna Janmasthan Music Festival at Bangalore on 14th August 2017**
- # Performed at Swami Haridas Nritya Sangeet Mahotsava, Vrindaban on 28th August 2017**
- # Sabarna Sangeet Sammelan Kolkata 8th December 2017**
- # PUNYASMARANE Music Festival organised by Shadakshari Gawayi Academy Kumta, Karnataka 10th December 2017**
- # Samraat sangeet Sammelan Goa 10th December 2017**

#On 25th February 2018 Music Festival organized by Nadam,Kolkata In the Memory Of Late Pandit Biswanath Bose and Vidushi Bharati Bose

#On 28th February 2018 at Lakshmi Narain Rag Sabha Amritsar

Indradhanu Classical Music Conference Kolkata on 2nd September 2018

Classical Music Conference organized by Nabarang Institute of Performing Arts at Durgapur west Bengal On 22nd September

Ambabi Navaratra Music Festival Miraj on 14th October 2018

Surasree Kesarbai Kerkar Sangeet Samaroha Goa on 3rd November 2018

West Bengal State Academy Music Conference 2019 at Rabindra Sadan Kolkata

Laxminarayan Raag Sabha Amritsar 2019

Basant Utsav Music Concert 2019 organised by Shree Shree Baba Harivallabh Sangeet Mahasabha Jalandhar.

#USTAD ABDUL KARIM KHAN SANGEET SAMAROHA MIRAJ 2019

#ICCR Horizon Seies Concert 2019 at Stajit Roy Auditorium ICCR Kolkata

Ustad Alauddin Khan sangeet Samaroha, Maihar 2020 Organised by Ministry of Culture, MP Govt

#Laxminarayan Raag Sabha Amritsar on 9th March 2020

Ustad Jaswant Singh ji Bhanwra Sashtriya Sangeet Samaroha 2020-21,Dharamkot, Punjab

#Sabarna Sangeet Sammelan Kolkata 2020-21

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