



RAJSHEKHAR MANSUR

Akademi Award: Hindustani Vocal Music

Born on 16 December 1942 in Dharwad in Karnataka, Shri Rajshekhar Mansur was initiated into music by his father Mallikarjun Mansur, the eminent vocalist of the Jaipur-Atrauli gharana.

A university teacher by profession, Shri Rajshekhar Mansur has at the same time devoted himself to the pursuit of music, and has performed at prestigious music festivals in India and abroad. He is a top-grade artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan, and has sung on radio and television for many years. Being a repository of the music of the Jaipur-Atrauli gharana, he has recorded his repertoire of compositions as part of documentation projects at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, and the Madhukali Archives, Indore. He has contributed to seminars and workshops on music at various institutions, often speaking on rare ragas in Hindustani music. He has many recordings to his credit. Shri Mansur is Trustee of the Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur National Trust established by the Government of Karnataka. Formerly Chairman of the Department of English at the University of Karnataka, Dharwad (1997-2002), he has later served as Chairman of the Karnataka Sangeet Nritya Academy (2004-2007).

For his service to music, Shri Rajshekhar Mansur has received several honours including the Rajyotsava Award conferred by the Government of Karnataka (1997), and the Gaurav Kalashri title bestowed by the Karnataka Sangeet Nritya Academy (2008).

Shri Rajshekhar Mansur receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani vocal music.