



## **DHONDUTAI KULKARNI**

AKADEMI AWARD: HINDUSTANI VOCAL MUSIC

Born in 1927 in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, Shrimati Dhondutai Ganeshrao Kulkarni received her training in vocal music from Ustad Bhurji Khan, Shrimati Kesarbai Kerkar, and Shrimati Laxmibai Jadhav of the Jaipur-Atrauli *gharana*. She received a scholarship for her training in music from the Union Ministry of Education in 1957.

Shrimati Dhondutai Kulkarni had an early start as a concert artiste and has performed widely all over the country. Among the best-known Hindustani vocalists today, she has trained a number of students. She has to her credit several gramophone records, compact discs, and cassettes. The National Centre for the Performing Arts, Bombay, offered Shrimati Dhondutai Kulkarni a scholarship for higher studies in music in 1972.

Shrimati Dhondutai Kulkarni receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Hindustani vocal music.



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