



KUMAR BOSE

Akademi Award: Hindustani Instrumental Music (Tabla)

Shri Kumar Bose was born in 1954 in Calcutta. He was groomed in the tradition of the Benaras gharana of Tabla at home under his father Biswanath Bose and his mother Bharati Bose. He acquired proficiency in the art under the tutelage of the maestro Kanthe Maharaj, and later mastered the Tabla as a student of Pandit Kishan Maharaj of the Benaras gharana. Shri Kumar Bose has also received training in vocal music, harmonium, Pakhawaj, Khol, Dhol, Nal, and some Western drums.

Among our foremost Tabla-players today, he has accompanied most of the leading Hindustani musicians of the country. He has also been acclaimed as an outstanding soloist, and has worked steadily to acquire an individual style. He has two solo Tabla albums to his credit — Drums of India (HMV), and Dynamic Tabla Solo (Senseworld Music, U.K.) — besides numerous recordings where he plays as accompanist. Shri Kumar Bose has also contributed to film music, and was the Assistant Music Director of Mrinal Sen's film Genesis with Pandit Ravi Shankar as the Music Director.

A documentary on his work directed by Ashok Viswanathan has been produced by Doordarshan, Calcutta.

Shri Kumar Bose receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani instrumental music.