



MASHKOOR ALI KHAN

Akademi Award: Hindustani Vocal Music

Born on 27 February 1956 in Kairana, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Mashkoor Ali Khan is a direct descendant of Abdul Kareem Khan and the legendary Abdul Wahid Khan - pioneer of the Kirana gharana. He received his training in Hindustani music under the tutelage of his father, Shakoor Ali Khan.

A vocalist and teacher of eminence, Shri Mashkoor Ali Khan has an erudite concept of ragas and keen understanding of the various *ang* of Kirana gayaki emphasizing on the numerous permutations of Khandmeru. As a Guru of the ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Kolkata, he has nurtured many scholars under his guidance. He has performed widely within the country and abroad, and has a large number of recordings to his credit such as *Garland of Ragas*.

For his outstanding work in the field of music, Shri Mashkoor Ali Khan is the recipient of several honours, including the Surmani (1977); the Abhinava Kala Samman (1993); the Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award (1994); the Swaranjali Award (1997); the Sangeet Ratna Award (2002); the Ustad Niaz Ahmed Khan and Ustad Faiyaz Ahmed Khan Memorial Award (2004); and the Gandharva Award by the Hindustan Art and Music Society, Kolkata (2012).

Shri Mashkoor Ali Khan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani vocal music.