



RASHID KHAN

Akademi Award: Hindustani Music (Vocal)

Shri Rashid Khan was born in 1966 at Badaun in Uttar Pradesh. He is a student of Nissar Hussain Khan of the Rampur-Sahaswan gharana, under whom he trained for about twenty years.

An outstanding performer of Hindustani vocal music, Shri Rashid Khan presented his first public performance while not yet in his teens. Today, he is adept in the techniques of the Rampur-Sahaswan gharana and exhibits in his gayaki the characteristic features of its style. He has developed an exceptional expertise in the slow elaboration of Vilambit Khayal, and in the use of sargam and sargam tankari. Among the most creative and innovative Hindustani musicians of the younger generation, Shri Rashid Khan is committed to preserving the Rampur-Sahaswan style in its fullness, yet helping it grow in new directions. A dedicated teacher of music, he has served as Guru at the ITC Sangeet Research Academy in Calcutta up to 1998. He has organized and attended seminars and workshops all over India and some other countries.

He has produced many cassettes and CDs of his music.

For his service to music, he has been honoured with the Rashtriya Kumar Gandharva Award conferred by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in 2002. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2006.

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