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Music, Hindustani Vocal

Rasoolan Bai

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d. 15.12.1974.

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Smt. Rasoolan Bai, a foremost exponent of vocal music of the Hindustani School.

She is the pupil of Ustad Shammu Khan, who is an acknowledged master in the "Tappa" style. Her main forte is the Thumari and her gayaki belongs to what is known as "Purab ang Tappe ki Thumari" of Banaras.

Possessing a rich, resonant, and melodious voice, she is an outstanding exponent of this style, and unlike most singers her taans are noted for their grace and lucidity, she has complete mastery over what is termed as "Tappe ki-taan". Her gayaki is dignified, enchanting, full of depth and feeling, which is a source of great aesthetic satisfaction. She is 55 years of age and has distinguished herself in many mahfils.

For her pre-eminence in music and her life long service to its cause, I pray, Sir, that you may be pleased to grant her recognition as musician of the year in the field of vocal music of the Hindustani School, and to award to her a Shawl, a gold Shrinkhal and a Sanad in token of that recognition.