



SURESH BHASKAR GAITONDE

Akademi Award : Hindustani Instrumental Music (Tabla)

Born in 1932 in Kanakavli, Maharashtra, Shri Suresh Bhaskar Gaitonde received his initial training in Tabla under his father B. T. Gaitonde of the Farrukhabad gharana. Subsequently, he was groomed under Pandit Jagannathbuwa Purohit, Ustad Ahmedjan Thirakwa, Vinayakrao Ghangrekar, and Pandit Lalji Gokhale.

Shri Gaitonde is a performer of distinction, proficient both as an accompanist and a soloist on the Tabla. He has accompanied eminent Hindustani vocalists including Kumar Gandharva, Vasantrao Deshpande, and Yashwantbuwa Joshi, and has worked in close association with the well-known composer Neelkanthbuwa Abhyankar. He has taught and lectured on the art of Tabla and has published a number of books and cassettes in India and abroad. He has been honoured by several institutions for his work in music.

Shri Suresh Bhaskar Gaitonde receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani instrumental music.