



**TEJPAL SINGH & SURINDER SINGH (Singh Bandhu)**  
**Akademi Award: Hindustani Vocal Music**

*Shri Tejpal Singh was born in 1934 and Shri Surinder Singh in 1938 in Labore in undivided Punjab. Under the name of Singh Bandhu, the brothers have enjoyed a distinguished career on the concert platform.*

*The duo received their initial training in vocal music from Shri G.S. Sardar. Thereafter, they trained under Ustad Amir Khan of the Indore gharana. Over the past five decades, by their widespread performances, they have successfully propagated the special repertoire of their gharana. The brothers are also well-known exponents of Gurbani and Shabad Kirtan. They have produced a large number of recordings of both Hindustani and Sikh devotional music. The Singh Bandhu have toured widely within the country and abroad. Shri Tejpal Singh has served as a Lecturer in the Government College, Gurgaon, and has also headed the Music Department of the Government Music College for Women in Rohtak.*

*They have been honoured for their work by many organizations including the Sabitya Kala Parishad, Delhi (1986). They are also recipients of the State Awards of the Punjab and Haryana Governments and of the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Award (1995). Shri Surinder Singh received the Padma Shri in 2004.*

*Shri Tejpal Singh and Shri Surinder Singh receive the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award jointly for their contribution to Hindustani vocal music.*