



YOGESH SAMSI

Akademi Award: Hindustani Instrumental Music – Tabla

Born on 17 November 1968 in New Delhi, Shri Yogesh Samsi received his initial training in tabla from Shri H. Taranath Rao, and later groomed his talent under the tutelage of Ustad Allah Rakha Khan of the Punjab gharana. He has also learnt Hindustani vocal music from his father Shri Dinkar Kaikini, and mother Shrimati Shashikala Kaikini.

Shri Samsi has performed in many prestigious music festivals in India and abroad, and has conducted many workshops on tabla around the world. Shri Yogesh Samsi has accompanied many eminent artists such as Shiv Kumar Sharma, Hariprasad Chaurasia, Amjad Ali Khan, Vilayat Khan, and Shahid Parvez Khan. He has many recordings to his credit. He has been associated with many prestigious cultural institutions such as the Music Department, Pune University; the ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Kolkata; the Darbar Organization and Saaz School of Music, London (United Kingdom). Shri Samsi has created a syllabus for learning tabla especially for teachers in the West, and also worked on an instructional CD for the benefit of students.

Shri Yogesh Samsi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for his contribution to Hindustani instrumental music - Tabla.