

Yusuf Ali

Award 1958

b 1877 - d 14 Oct-1962

Hindustani Instrumental - Sitar

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Yusuf Ali, a foremost exponent of instrumental music of the Hindustani School.

Born in 1877, Shri Yusuf Ali belongs to a traditional family of instrument makers. His early training was under his father Bahadur Ali who was a pupil of Ustad Abdul Ghani and Murawwat Khan. His merits as a Sitar player were noted at an early age.

Shri Yusuf Ali is a remarkable exponent of the *Masit Khani Baaj* and his rendering of the *Thumari Ang* is sweet, melodious and is noted for its exquisite innovations which are true to tradition.

Shri Yusuf Ali was invited to perform at the coronation of King George V. He has trained up a whole generation of Sitarists and even at this advanced age is devoted to teaching. He is at present on the staff of Bhatkhande Sangeet Vidyalaya, Lucknow.

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

In Dr Sushela Misra's book it is '1887'