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Announcement of Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for the Year 2015
by Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi

The Sangeet Natak Akademi, National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, the apex body of performing arts in the country in the meeting of its General Council held on 20 April 2016 in Agartala, Tripura has selected 32 artists of India who have made a mark as young talents in their respective fields of performing arts for Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2015.

The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, given to artistes below the age of 40 years, was introduced in the year 2006 with the objective of identifying and encouraging outstanding young talents in diverse fields of performing arts and giving them national recognition early in their life, so that they may work with greater commitment and dedication in their chosen fields. The names of the selected artists are as under:

In the field of music, eight recipients of Yuva Puraskar are: Rupesh Gawas and Brijeshwar Mukherjee for Hindustani Vocal Music; Anubrata Chatterjee for Hindustani Instrumental Music–Tabla; Smit Tiwari in Hindustani Instrumental Music–Sarod; Nisha Rajagopalan and Kunnakudi M Balamurali Krishna for Carnatic Vocal Music; R Shankaranarayanan for Carnatic Instrumental Music–Mridangam; and K V Gopalakrishnan for Carnatic Instrumental Music–Kanjira

In the field of dance, eight recipients of Yuva Puraskar are: Shijith Nambiar & Parvathi Menon for Bharatanatyam, Vishal Krishna and Divya Dikshit for Kathak Dance; Kalamandalam Thulasi for Kathakali; P Bilash Singh for Manipuri Dance; Boby Chakraborty for Kuchipudi Dance; Seujpriya Borthakur for Sattriya Dance; and Shilpika Bordoloi for Contemporary/Experimental Dance.

In the field of theatre, eight recipients are: Abhishek Pandit and Chandra Shekhar Prasad for Direction; Deep Mandeep Kaur, Sukumar Tudu and Deepalaxmi Moghe for Acting; Navid Inamdar for Allied Theatre Arts–Scenic Design; Gaurav Sharma for Allied Theatre Arts–Lighting; and Ulesh Dasharath Khandare for Allied Theatre Arts–Make up.
In the field of Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre and Puppetry, eight recipients are: Hemu Alias Mahesh Krishna Gaude for Folk Music/Dance, Goa, Shazia Bashir for Folk Music, Jammu and Kashmir, Prahlad Digambar Kadam for Folk Music, Maharashtra, Dhayanananda Panda for Traditional/Folk Dance, Odisha, Mamta Joshi for Folk Music, Punjab, Bhugra Khan Manganiar for Folk Music, Rajasthan, R Raj Kumar for Traditional/Folk Dance, Tamil Nadu and Choti Ghosh for Puppetry.

Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar carries a purse money of Rs 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only). The Yuva Puraskar will be presented at a special ceremony, by the Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Helen Acharya
Secretary
Sangeet Natak Akademi
FIELD OF ACTIVITY: MUSIC

RUPEH GAWAS
BRIJESHWAR MUKHERJEE
ANUBRATA CHATTERJEE
SMIT TIWARI
NISHA RAJAGOPALAN
KUNNAKUDI M BALAMURALI KRISHNA
R SHANKARANARAYANAN
K V GOPALAKRISHNAN

HINDUSTANI VOCAL MUSIC
HINDUSTANI VOCAL MUSIC
HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - TABLA
HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - SAROD
CARNATIC VOCAL MUSIC
CARNATIC VOCAL MUSIC
CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - MRIDANGAM
CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - KANJIRA

FIELD OF ACTIVITY: DANCE

SHIJITH NAMBIAR & PARVATHI MENON
VISHAL KRISHNA
DIVYA DIKSHIT
KALAMANDALAM THULASI
P BILASH SINGH
BOBY CHAKRABORTY
SEUJPRIYA BORTHAKUR
SHILPIKA BORDLOI

BHARATANATYAM
KATHAK
KATHAK
KATHAKALI
MANIPURI
KUCHIPUDI
SATTRIYA
CONTEMPORARY/EXPERIMENTAL DANCE

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FIELD OF ACTIVITY: THEATRE

ABHISHEK PANDIT  DIRECTION
CHANDRA SHEKHAR PRASAD  DIRECTION
DEEP MANDEEP KAUR  ACTING
SUKeUMAR TUDU  ACTING
DEEPALAXMI MOGHE  ACTING
NAVID INAMDAR  ALLIED THEATRE ARTS - SCENIC DESIGN
GAURAV SHARMA  ALLIED THEATRE ARTS - LIGHTING
ULESH DASHARATH KHANDARE  ALLIED THEATRE ARTS - MAKE UP

FIELD OF ACTIVITY: TRADITIONAL/FOLK/TRIBAL MUSIC/DANCE/THEATRE & PUPPETRY

HEMU ALIAS MAHESH KRISHNA GAUDE  FOLK MUSIC/DANCE, GOA
SHAZIA BASHIR  FOLK MUSIC, JAMMU & KASHMIR
PRAHLAD DIGAMBAR KADAM  FOLK MUSIC, MAHARASHTRA
DHAYANANANDA PANDA  TRADITIONAL/FOLK DANCE, ODISHA
MAMTA JOSHI  FOLK MUSIC, PUNJAB
BHUGRA KHAN MANGANlAR  FOLK MUSIC, RAJASTHAN
R RAJ KUMAR  TRADITIONAL/FOLK DANCE, TAMIL NADU
CHOITI GHOSH  PUPPETRY