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Dr VandanaBahuguna

Hindustani Vocal Teacher



Dr VandanaBahuguna was born in Dehradun. Unlike many professional musicians, she did not inherit her commitment to music from her family but rather was inspired from an early age in school where she was awarded numerous prizes for her work in music.

Determined to pursue a musical career, she was fortunate to take initial lessons in Hindustani Classical Vocal from Pt MuralidharJagoodi, a disciple of Pt Balwant Rai Bhatt and a direct lineage of music icon revered Pt OnkarNath Thakur. Under Dr VijayaGodbole (a recipient of Gold Medal from Benaras Hindu University),Vandana learnt the delineation of Khyaal in the Gwalior style.

She obtained first division in SangeetVisharad from BhatkhandeVidhyapeeth, Lucknow in 2002 and did MA(Vocal) from Khairagarh University in the year 2004. Later she moved to Delhi for her higher studies and obtainedMPhil(Vocal) First Division with Distinction in 2006 and PhD(Vocal) from Faculty of Music & Fine Arts, Delhi University. She also received training from renowned artist Lt Vidhushi Shanti Sharma

of KiranaIndore Gharana and continued her musical training under the guidance of the foremost Hindustani Classical Vocalist, Pt Sarathi Chatterjee. These abilities have taken her to several parts of India like Allahabad, Lucknow, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Agra, Banaras, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand etc. in a wide ranging series of performances and the invitations to perform continue to grow in number. She has recorded for Doordarshan Kendra, New Delhi and is a graded artist of All India Radio.

Dr Vandana has been awarded scholarship by the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New-Delhi in the field of Hindustani Classical Music for the period of two years. She presented research papers and articles in various national and international seminars organized by different departments of music and fine arts. Two of her books on music have been published in 2015 by Kanishka Publisher, New Delhi. Dr Vandana has also qualified the UGC NET examination in 2007 for eligibility for lecturership in music. She has teaching experience in Shyama Prasad Mukharji College of Delhi University as an assistant Professor in 2012.
