



Sitar Concert by Ustad Usman Khan

Tabla: Suryaksha Deshpande

Ustad Usman Khan was born into a life of music. A sixth generation musician, third-generation sitar master and the grandson of Ustad Rehmat Khan he received tutelage starting age six from his father, Ustad Abdul Karim Khan of Dharwad. He is known for his emotional renditions combining vocal and instrumental techniques on the sitar. He has toured widely in Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland) as well as Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Korea, and the U.S and Canada.

In addition to an active performance schedule, Usman Khan has taught through a Gurukul tradition since the 1960s and from 1994 onwards through 'Naad Mandir' in Pune-India. Naad is a space for teaching and learning as well as community gathering. Usmanji's goal to create "complete musicians" is through immersion in sitar culture, active listening, and self-discipline. Marked by his holistic approach, Naad Mandir has attracted students from all over the world.

Suryaksha Deshpande received training from Pt. Arvind Mulgaonkar (Farrukhabad Gharana) and from Pt. Sudhir Mainkar(Delhi Gharana). He has won several awards throughout India including the prestigious Pt. D.V.Paluskar award and national scholarship by Dept. of Culture, Govt. of India. Suryaksha is an "A" grade artists of All India Radio and Doordarshan. He has accompanied several music luminaries in India and abroad, such as Dr. N.Rajam, Pt. D.K.Datar, Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande, Jayateerth Mevundi, Pt. Brij Narayan (sarod), Ghazal Maestro Gulam Ali etc. He has also performed with many Carnatic musicians. He regularly conducts workshops and demos and works at Taal Sadhana in NJ as a tutor.



Saturday, April 30th , 4 PM

Tickets: IAPA members \$20, Nonmembers \$25

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