

ULHAS KASHALKAR

Hailed as a musicians' musician, Ulhas Kashalkar was born into a musical family in Maharashtra. He was initiated into music by his father **Shri. N. D. Kashalkar**, an advocate and a musicologist.

He is a gold medalist from Nagpur University in his post graduation, where he learnt from **Pt. Rajabhau Kogje and Prof. Prabhakar Rao Khardenavis**. He received rigorous talim from **Pt. Ram Marathe and Pt. Gajanan Rao Joshi** in three distinct Gharanas such as Gwalior Jaipur and Agra. While his music remains deep rooted in tradition, the listeners revel in the experience of listening to a new gayaki.

Ulhasji has been associated with **ITC Sangeet Research Academy**, Kolkata as a Senior Guru since 1992. One of the most sought-after gurus, he has mentored students who are now recognized worldwide and continue to carry forward the rich tradition of classical music.

Ulhas ji is a recipient of several awards such as Sangeet Natak Academy award, Pt. Bhimsen Joshi Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar by the Govt of Maharashtra, Pt. Omkarnath Thakur award of Gujarat Sangeet Natak Academy, Rashtriya Tansen Puraskar of Madhya Pradesh Govt, and Padmashree from Govt of India.

He has been bestowed with several titles such as 'Swar - Ratna, Raag Rishi and Gaan Tapasvi from Jagat Guru Shankaracharya.

A torchbearer of our pristine tradition, Ulhas ji continues to enthrall and take his audiences on an ecstatic journey through his music.