



Bhilwara Sur Sangam 2019

New Delhi, March 30, 2019: In the continuation of BSS journey, exploring the treasures of Indian Classical Music, LNJ Bhilwara Group, celebrating the 8th edition of **Bhilwara Sur Sangam**, a festival of classical music at **Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi on 30th and 31st March, 2019.**

With a dedicated mission to keep alive and promote India's rich heritage and culture, LNJ Bhilwara Group every year comes up with a unique blend of musicians and their respective traditions to attain the confluence of melody and joy with a mesmerizing variety. The maestros to perform this year are **Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, Sushri Kalapini Komkali, Pandit Raghunandan Panshikar & Sushri Kaushiki Chakraborty's Sakshi Music Ensemble.**

Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma is a recipient of Padma Vibhushan, an Indian music composer and santoor player. Pt. Shiv Kumar's father taught him vocals and tabla when he was just five while he started playing santoor from the age of thirteen and received many awards.

Sushri Kalapini Komkali is a daughter and disciple of the legendary, a recipient of Padma Shri "Vidushi Vasundhara Komkali". Endowed with a wholly original, melodious and extremely rich voice, Kalapini is widely recognized as one of the finest and well - trained classical vocalists of the younger generation.

Pandit Raghunandan Panshikar (born 1963) is a Hindustani classical vocalist. He has received training in the Jaipur Gharana and has been conferred with numerous awards, such as Dattopant Deshpande Puraskar in 1992 and many more. His music reflects the quintessential style of the Jaipur-Atrauli gharana - a full throated akaar, dazzling tans and layakari, and a refined use of meend and gamak.

Sushri Kaushiki Chakraborty (born 24 October 1980) a daughter of Padma Shri recipient "Pt. Ajoy Chakraborty" and an Indian classical vocalist who formed first all-women classical band. Kaushiki belongs to the Patiala gharana and has been recipient of many national and international awards such as the BBC award in 2005, and has performed with Elan at many national and international festivals and conferences.

Over the years, Bhilwara Sur Sangam has created a unique identity for itself. Following the tradition of preserving Indian culture, the festival has earned great reputation for providing a platform for the confluence of music and tradition. Started in 2012, this classical musical fest has over the years featured exceptional and legendary artists including **Pt. Jasraj, Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia, Ustad Shahid Pravez Khan, Ustad Rashid Khan, Pt. Ulhas Kashalkar, Ustad Shujaat Husain Khan, GaansaraswateeKishoriAmonkar, Dr. N. Rajam, Pt. Kumar Bose, Pt. Anindo Chatterjee, Pt. Ajoy Chakraborty, SushriKaushiki Chakraborty** to name a few. This event has also received immense acclaim from people every year.

Shri Ravi Jhunjhunwala, Chairman, LNJ Bhilwara Group said, "It is a great privilege to have hosted the festival for the past seven years which has provided a rare opportunity for many of us to experience the magic of legendary classical music heroes. We are happy we have also been able to contribute to the cause of spreading the rich heritage of Indian classical music." The chief architect of this cultural show and the Chairman of LNJ Bhilwara Group, Ravi Jhunjhunwala, says, "We have always been happy to contribute more to the rich heritage of Indian classical music." I am happy to see the audience enjoying the high-end performances by an array of many legendary artists and applauding them.

About the LNJ Bhilwara Group

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