



# PROFILE

PT. TARUN BHATTACHARYA

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India's Global Music Ambassador, Santoor Maestro Pt Tarun Bhattacharya has been a pioneering and revolutionary musician who has changed the face of Indian classical music. He has been truly an unparalleled music ambassador of India.

One of the most celebrated torch bearers of Indian classical music he has virtually traversed the globe many times over performing in some of the most awe-inspiring venues and cities as Royal Albert Hall, Palace-de-beaux (Brussels), Theater- De-La-Ville (France), Apollo Theatre (Spain), Jubilee Auditorium (Canada), Kremlin (Russia). The mesmerized list of admirers includes Prince Charles, George Harrison, Paolo Solaris and many more of respected figures across the Globe.

The famous Maihar Gharana's only Santoor maestro, Pandit Bhattacharya has revolutionized Santoor, the instrument, as well as its style of playing. He displayed for the first time ever (1980) that one could 'meend' or glide notes at the lower octave in a hammered instrument like Santoor.

Pt. Tarun Bhattacharya is the inventor of "mankas" or fine tuners that help in the tuning of this 100 stringed instrument fast, with a long-lasting effect and a very high degree of accuracy. His innovative techniques of playing the Santoor also facilitate in the playing of Krintans, Ekharatans, Boltans broadening the utility of the Santoor in various traditional forms of art.

Pt. Tarun Bhattacharya is recognized worldwide for his Ragdari, as well as, Layakari (mathematical calculations) and plays music that touches the inner soul. His improvisation on the shape and string arrangements produces a deep soulful classical music from the Santoor and it touches the soul – be it of a connoisseur or that of a common man!

Pt. Tarun Bhattacharya has released over 100 CDs and Cassettes. He has been the recipient of numerous felicitations like pre Grammy nomination in 97, excellence in world music USA, and his CD "Kirwani" has been acclaimed as the top 10 in the world. Pt. Bhattacharya received his talim (music instructions) from his father Pt. Rabi Bhattacharya, Pt. Dulal Roy and finally from the great Bharat Ratna Pt. Ravi Shankar.

He is Rotary International's Global Ambassador for Peace & Goodwill.