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MUSIC ACADEMY: PRAYAG SANGEET SAMITI



Prayag Sangeet Samiti is a premier Hindustani Classical Music teaching institution. It was founded with the sole aim of propagating and popularizing the cause of Indian Classical Music in the country.

About the Institution

The Prayag Sangeet Samiti was established on Maha Shivratri in the year 1926 by Deshraj Major (Dr.) Ranjit Singh, Late Baijnath Sahai and Late Satyanand Joshi. The Samiti is registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act of 1860.

Throughout its decades of existence, it has been playing the role of a torch bearer of classical music. The school has had a big role to play in reviving and upholding classical music traditions in India. It is one of the premier institutions that has achieved a reputation for consistently upholding the highest and the richest traditions of this sublime art.

The Campus

The institution is housed in two buildings in Allahabad (Prayagraj). One is situated in the heart of the city in South Malaka constructed in 1936 and the other one is in the vicinity of Alfred Park (Chandrashekhar Azad Park).

The Samiti has constructed an Open-Air Theatre - *Muktangan* which has beautiful features like terraces, grassy beds, flowers and innumerable water fountains. This is in the Alfred Park site. The open air theatre is spread in nearly half of an acre of land,

neatly completely turfed as a soft green carpet, colonnade in several expansive galleries. It has a capacity of 2500 spectators and has a crescent moon shaped open stage. There is also a mini auditorium in the Alfred Park building which has a capacity of 200 people.



Alumni

The music institute has very popular names who have been associated since its inception. Some names include Pandit Channu Lal Mishra (Vocal), Pandit Kishan Maharaj (Tabla), Pandit Rajan & Sajan Mishra (Vocal), Srimati Kamla Bose (Vocal), Smt Shobha Mudgal and so on.

A variety of courses are taught, ranging from vocal, instrumental music to dances. The institution is affiliated to a host of universities and boards. CBSE, UP Board, Dept. of Education, Govt. Of India are some of them.

The Prayag Sangeet Samiti has played a pivotal role in the revival of Indian Classical music by organizing music competitions and conferences on All India Basis annually, in an effort to revive taste and devotion towards the art of music amongst the people.



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DID YOU KNOW...

It is through the efforts of the Prayag Sangeet Samiti that music was included as one of the subjects in high school and intermediate examinations curriculum in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

ACTIVITY

1. What has been the contribution of Prayag Sangeet Samiti in the field of music in India? Name a few other music schools that have made an impact.
2. Name some alumni who have been from the Prayag Sangeet Samiti. Choose any one artist of your choice and write about him/her in brief.
3. Choose and one art form that you would want to learn and why. Where would you choose to go study this art form?

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