

Surmani, KALAIMAMANI Dr. KRISHNA BALLESH

(Indian Classical Shehnai Artist)

(Classical Vocalist, Cine Musician, Playback Singer, Ghazal & Sufi Singer)

LONG PROFILE



Brief Introduction :

Artist Name	- Dr. Krishna BalleshBhajantri
Main Genre	- Hindustani Classical "B HIGH" GRADE Shehnai Player
Other Genre	- Classical Hindustani Vocalist, Playback Singer, Ghazal & Sufi Singer.
Son of	- Pandit Dr. S. BALLESH BHAJANTRI (Shehnai player)
GrandSon of	- "ShehnaiSamrat" PanditSannaBharamappaBhajantri(Shehnai player),
Date of Birth	- 05-11-1982, Age 38years,
Shehnai Playing family	- 5th Generation Shehnai player family, Karnataka,
Performed Shehnai	- Classical Performing platform- All Over India and Abroad (in worldwide many countries, still now, more than 32years),
Playing Shehnai	- Since age of 8 years, accompanying his father and grandfather - He has played and sung for many recording for leading Music Composers of India across16 Languages from 1990 to 2021 still now,
Disciple of	- BharatRatnaUstadBismillahKhan, PadmaBhushanPanditPuttarajGawai, PadmashriUstadRashidKhan

State and National Awards:

- **Tamilnadu Government** jointly honored Krishna and his father Pandit Dr. S. Ballesh with, TheTamilnadu State's Highest Civilian Award,**Kalaimamaniin 2020 (Joint Award)** by lyallsiaNatakaMaanram conferred by chief minister**Eddapadi. K. Palaniswamy**
- **Andhra Pradesh Government** honored him with **SriKalahastiAasthanaVidwan Award (Joint Award** along with his father) in **2006,**
- **Uttar PradeshIndia Tourism Varanasi, Government of India** conferred **UstadBismillah Khan KalaRatnaSamman 2021 National Award (Joint Award** along with his father) in Benarasby **UstadBismillah Khans family members, along with Deepika Cultural Society, Varanasi,**

- **Ministry of Culture, Government of India** conferred **SanskritiSammanSamagam 2021 Award** (Joint Award along with his son Krishna Balleesh) by **Shri. KailashVijayvargiya**, National General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party and **Dr. Bharat Sharma**, Executive Board Member - National Culture Fund
- He was conferred with **"The Honorary Doctorate" D.Litt., Award (HonorisCausa)** by The International Tamil University.
- Andhra Pradesh Government conferred him with **UgadiPuraskarm 2006 Award** by Chief Minister **Shri. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy** of A.P.
- **PanditBalleesh** and **Krishna Balleesh** (father-son duo) played Shehnai for **Oscar Winner AR. Rahman** in the **Hollywood movies** (International English Movies) **"The Hundred-Foot Journey - 2014"** for the track **"India Calling"**,
- He played Shehnai for **More than 30years** from the age of **8years**, accompanying his Grandfather, father, his **GurudevUstadBismillah Khan Saheb** and later **Ustad Rashid Khan saab** He has played for many recordings for leading **Music Composers of India**, across **16 languages** from **1990 to 2021**.

Government invites to perform Shehnai :

- **The Government of India, Ministry of Culture**, invited **PanditBalleesh** and his son **Dr. Krishna Balleesh** for **SangeetSangam International Music Festival** in 2021 (Senior Musicians) organized **Kendra SangeetNatakaAkademi, Delhi**.
- **India Tourism Varanasi, Government of India** and **UstadBismillah Khan's family members** invited **Krishna Balleesh** to perform for **105th UstadBismillah Khan Birth Anniversary** in **Banaras** for **SabrangUtsav**, along with **Deepika Cultural Society of India, Varanasi**.

Brief Details :

Gurus &Gharanas

Krishna is disciple of **World renowned Shehnai Maestro "Bharat Ratna" UstadBismillah Khan Sahab**, He was under **Ustadji's footsteps - Guru ShishyaParampara** guidance for nearly **20years**. **Krishna** is a disciple of **"Padmashri" Ustad Rashid Khan** and **"Padmashri" Pandit M. Venkatesh Kumar**, **Krishna** has received blessings and guidance from **Padma VibushanPanditPuttarajaGawai** of **GadagVeereshwaraPunyashrama**.

Krishna plays **Shehnai** for **"Padma Vibhushan" Maestro Ilaiyaraaja**, **"ThenisaiThendral" Deva "Padma Bhushan" 'Oscar Winner' A.R. Rahman**, **Bahubali Music Composer MM. Keeravani**, **NaadbrahmaHamsalekha** & other **Music Composers of South and North India**, and currently he is playing for all **2021 new music composers** from India.

Krishna has **Sung** and played **Shehnai** with **Kannada superstar Actor Dr. Rajkumar, PB. Sreenivas, KJ Yesudas, S.P. Balasubrahmanyam, S. Janaki, P. Susheela, Chitra, Bombay Jaishree, Malaysia Vasudevan, Hariharan, Shankar Mahadevan, KailashKher, Sivamani, Mano, SadhanaSargam, Shreya Goshal**. He has sung and played **shehnaifor more than 2,500 background-score** and **5,000 film songs** and around **7,000 devotional songs** in all religions. He has also sung **Hindustani music Alaaps** for films and had also collaborated **Shehnai with International musicians and composers** in recordings.

About the Artiste :

SurmaniDr. Krishna Balleesh (**Krishna BalleeshBhajantri**) is a **Shehnai** artiste following the **Benares gharana** style. He is also a **Patiala gharana, Kirana - Gwalior and Rampur SahaswanaGharana** **Hindustani** vocalist and a **Ghazal** singer. He is an **Akashvani All India Radio** and **Doordarshan "B High" Grade Hindustani Classical Shehnai/Vocalist Artist**.

Krishna Ballesh is honored by 2 states, Tamilnadu Government honored him with **Tamilnadu State's Highest Civilian Award, Kalaimamaniin 2020**, award given by Honorable Chief Minister **Shri. Dr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, in presence of Chairman Eyal Isai NatakaManaramand **Andhra Pradesh Government** honored him with **SriKalahastiAasthanaVidwan Award in 2006** at SriKalahasti Temple, Chittoor Andhra Pradesh Government

Uttar Pradesh, India Tourism Varanasi, Government of India conferred **UstadBismillah Khan KalaRatnaSamman 2021 Award (Joint Award along with his father)** in Benaras along with Deepika Cultural Society, Varanasi, He was conferred with **"The Honorary Doctorate" D.Litt., award (HonorisCausa)** by The International Tamil University.

In 2021, the **Government of India, Ministry of Culture** invited Ballesh and his son Dr. Krishna Ballesh for **SangeetSangam International Music Festival (for Senior Musicians)** organized Kendra SangeetNatakaAkademi, Delhi.

Dr. Krishna Ballesh is from a family of renowned Shehnai players from **M.K. Hubli (Belgaum District)**, Karnataka- tracing back to Court musicians to the ruling Lingaraja Dynasty , with a performance history of over **40decades (400years)**. He is located in Chennai for nearly 36years in Saligramam, Chennai City.

He received his initial Shehnai training from his Grandfather, ShehnaiSamrat Pt. **SannaBharamanna**, who was a famous Shehnai player, and later he learned from Dr. DP. HiremathGuruji and continued from his father "Karnataka Kalashree" ShehnaiChakravarthyPandit**Dr. S.Ballesh**.

Krishna was then accepted by Shehnai virtuoso Bharat Ratna**UstadBismillah Khansaheb** as his disciple, and is one of the Six, and only direct disciple of the maestro.

Krishna was with **UstadBismillah Khan** for 12years and got worldwide acclaim for performing the shehnai for more than three decades. He has accompanied **UstadBismillah Khan Saheb** on several occasions.

He is an Akashvani All India Radio and Doordarshan "B High" Grade Hindustani Classical Shehnai/Vocalist Artist.

He has also performed and accompanied in many **Jugalbandhi** concerts with his father for Hindustani & Carnatic senior musicians like **Padma BushanPanditVishwa Mohan Bhatt (Mohan Veena)**, **UstadShahidParvez Khan (sitar)**, **Pt Atul Kumar Upadhaya (violin)**, **UstadShafique - Rafique Khan (sitar)**, **Vidwan G J R Krishnan (violin)** and on tabla accompanied by **PanditYogeshSamsi**, **PanditSubhankar Banerjee**, **PanditRavindraYavagal**, **PanditRaghunathNakod**, **Pandit Vijay Gathe** and with **Padmashri Drummer Sivamani**, **Drummer RanjitBarot**, **Pandit Ramesh Narayana (Kerala)**. He has also performed in India as well as many countries in abroad.

Vocal Style of Krishna Ballesh

Equally, accomplished vocal artiste, Krishna Ballesh learnt from his grandfather **PanditSannaBharamannaGawai** and continued KiranaGharana from Dr. D.P. Hiremath, Patiala Gharana from **PanditKodanda Singh SalunkeMaharaj& Pt. Prakash Singh Salunke** and received blessings from **PadmaBhushan Pt. PuttarajaGawai (Gadag)**, He has given vocal support to **PadmashriPandit M. Venkatesh Kumar**, He is presently learning Rampur SahaswanaGharana and performing with his Guru **PadmashriUstad Rashid Khan**.

Awards/Recognition Received

Because of his accomplished performances, dedication and commitment towards music, he has received numerous awards and to mention few,

Classical Music Awards :

1. **SanskritiSammanSamagam 2021 National Award, Ministry of Culture, Government of India** conferred (Joint Award along with his son **Krishna Ballesh**) by **Shri. KailashVijayvargiya**, National General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party and Dr. Bharat Sharma, Executive Board Member - National Culture Fund
2. **UstadBismillah Khan KalaRatnaSamman 2021 Award (Joint Award along with his son)** in Benaras by **India Tourism Varanasi, Government of India** in Benaras by UstadBismillah Khan's family members, along with Deepika Cultural Society, Varanasi, and Deepika Cultural Society, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
3. **Kalaimamani Award 2020, The Highest Civilian Award Given by Government of Tamilnadu** by Honorable **Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, in presence of **Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam**, Minister for Tamil Culture and Language **MaFoi K. Pandiarajan**, Chairman **Shri. Deva Tamilnadulyal Isai NatakaManram**
4. **YuvaKalaSangeetSamrat Award 2020**, INDO-NEPAL Music Meditation Series organized by AnuDhwani Art and Cultural Society, Delhi
5. **Kala Aparanji Award 2020**, Given by PanditBhimsen Music Foundation Gadag, Karnataka
6. **Smt. Leena Gupta Memorial Award 2019**, Leena Gupta Memorial Music Foundation, Silchar, Assam
7. **Mahatma Gandhi Award 2019**, Gandhi 150th International Peace Festival, Gandhi World Foundation Chennai Award given in presence of **Governor of Taminadu Thiru. BanwarilalPurohit**
8. **SangeetRatna Award 2019**, SumadhurHamsadhwani Trust, PreernaDham, Faridabad , Haryana
9. **Jaipur Ratna Award 2019**, Jaipur RatnaSammanSamaroh, received from Legendary Hindustani Classical Vocalist **Padma Bhushan Begum Parveena Sultana** , Nirmala Auditorium, Jaipur, Rajasthan
10. **Excellence in Vocational and Instrumental Music Award 2018**, Given by Rotary Club of Seven Hills, Dharwad, Karnataka
11. **Sri Channabasaveshwar Award 2018**, Given by UlaviPadayatreChannaBasaweshwarSamiti, Karnataka
12. **SangeethaSahodar Award 2018**, Given by PanditRaghunathTalegaonkar Foundation Trust and Sangeet Kala Kendra, Agra, Uttar Pradesh
13. **Sri YogeshwariSangeetRatnaPuraskar 2017**, Sri YogeshwariPrathisthan, Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra
14. **SangeethaNadaBrahma Award 2017**, Given by GadagGanayogiVeereshwaraPunyashrama in Association with Kannada Culture Depart, Karnataka Government
15. **Bharat Kala RatnaPuraskar 2017**, International Center for Cultural Integration, Odisha
16. **Nudisiri Award 2016**, 13th Kannada Nadu-Nudi-Culture Conference, The Annual Kannada Literary and Cultural Meet of Alva's Education Foundation, Mangalore, Karnataka
17. **BhimsenSamman International Award, 2017 (Joint Award)** along his PanditBallesh, in BhimsenUtsav (95th birth anniversary), Kala VikasParishat, Gadag
18. **Kala VikasPuraskar 2016**, 100th Birthday of Shehnai Maestro Bharat RatnaUstadBismillah Khan Anniversary, KalaVikasParishad.
19. **Shree BabaHarivallabhSangeetPuraskar 2015**, Receives a honor from **SatguruUdaySinghji** in Shree Baba HarivallabhSangeetSammelan 2015 in Jalandhar at Shri Devi TalabMandir, Punjab
20. **NavaraspurUtsavSangeetSanskriti Award 2015** organised by Kannada and Culture Department Govt. given by District Commissioner of Vijapura
21. **SundriSamrat Pt SidaramJadhav& Pt ChidanandJadhavYuvaPuraskar 2015**, Solapur, Maharashtra
22. **Kala SaadhakSamman 2014**, Given by Kala Mandali, Delhi, Vividha 2014, A National Festival of Diverse Cultural Expressions of India, Delhi

23. **AsthanaVidwan Award 2013**, Given by Sri GnanaAdvaitaPeetam, from Sri Sathguru Swami GnananandaSarasvathiAmmaji, Chennai
24. **Yuva Kala Ratna Award 2010**, Given by SripuramNarayaniPeedam, Vellore, Tamilnadu
25. **Sangeeta Kala Nakshatra Award 2010**, Given Chinmaya Music Foundation, Chinmaya Mission Madurai, Tamilnadu
26. **Kala BharathiPuraskar 2008**, Shri KashiVishwanath Temple, Uttar Pradesh
27. **SriKalahastiAsthanaVidwan Title 2006**, SriKalahasti Temple, ChittoorAndhra Pradesh Government
28. **Smt. Krishna HanagalYuvakalaPuraskar 2006**, Dr.GangubaiHangal Music Foundation, Hubli, Karnataka
29. **Ugadi Puraskaram 2006** Andhra Pradesh Government honored Shri **Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy**, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh
30. **SangeethaVikasRatna Award 2004**, from PanditPuttarajGawai Music Foundation, Gadag, Karnataka
31. **Sitar RatnaUstad Ahmed Hussain Khan Yuva Kala Puraskar 2001**, Given by Ustad Ahmed Hussain Music Circle, Chennai, Tamilnadu
32. **SurMani Award 1999**, by Sur SingarSansad, KalKeKalakarSangeetSammellan, Bombay, Maharashtra

Recognition :

33. Krishna Ballesh conferred **Honorary Doctorates - 2019** along with Legendary Playback Singer's Dr. SP. Balasubrahmanyam, Dr. KS. Chitra, Drummer Dr. Sivamani, Dr. NagoorBabu (Mano) and after his father Pandit Dr. S.Ballesh in 2017.

Listing of Nationally & Internationally Classical Concerts)

NATIONALLY: CLASSICAL HINDUSTANI MUSIC,

Government of India :

1. **Government of India, Ministry of Culture**,SangeetSangam International Music Festival in 2021 (Senior Musicians) organized Kendra SangeetNatakaAkademi, New Delhi
2. SabarangUtsavBenaras by **India Tourism Varanasi, Government of India** and Deepika Cultural Society, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
3. **Festival of India** in the USA, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia,
4. Delhi Classical Music Festival, **Sahitya Kala Parishad, Delhi**
5. ShehnaiMahotsav, **Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal**
6. Karnataka SangeethaNatyaUtsavOrganised by Karnataka SangeethaNritya Academy, Government of Karnataka

India's Oldest Music Festivals :

7. SawaiGandharvaBhimsenMahotsav (Pune)
8. Shree Baba HarivallabhSangeetSammelan (Jalandhar)
9. Swami HaridasSangeetSammellan (Mumbai)
10. Bhopal Bharat BhavanShehnaiSamaroh (Bhopal)
11. LokmaniaUstadBismillahKhan 100th Birthday ShehnaiMahotsav Pune Kolhapur Belgaum Goa Mumbai
12. GanayogiPanchakshariSangeetSammellan (Gadag, Bangalore)
13. TansenSangeetSamaroh, Bhopal
14. Sur SingarSansadSangitSammellan (Mumbai)
15. Thyagaraja Music Festival, Thiruviyaru
16. Sri Guru GanayogiPanchakshara Trust Chennai, Tamilnadu
17. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
18. GanayogiPanchakshariGavayiSangeetSammellan , Gadag
19. PanditMallikarjun Mansur SangeetUtsav , Dharwad
20. Smt. GangubaiHangalSangeetSammellan, Hubli

21. Pandit Kumar GandharvaSangeetSammellan, Belgaum
22. Sur SingarSansadSangitSammellan, Mumbai
23. Ganga Mahotsav, UP Govt., Benaras
24. Thyagaraja Music Festival, Thiruviyaru

India's SangeetSabhas / Religious Music Festivals :

25. PanditMotiramPanditManiramSangeetSamaroh (Ernakulam)
26. Bharat KalacharSangeetUtsav (Chennai)
27. Smt. Krishna Hangal Memorial Festival (Hubli)
28. Alva's Nudisiri Music Festival (Mudabidri, Karnataka)
29. KarkalaShastriyaSangeetha Sabha (Mangalore)
30. TansenSangeetSammelan (Chennai)
31. SangitRatnaUstad Abdul Karim Khan SangitSamaroh (Miraj)
32. MudharaSangeetUstav (Chennai)
33. RaagRangiRaatSangeetSammellan (Cochin)
34. UstadRahmat Khan SangeetUstav, (Chennai)
35. Kalarasana Music Festival, (Chennai)
36. SwarnaJayanthi Hindu Dharma Foundation, (Chennai)
37. RamaChandraYavagal Music Festival, (Bangalore)
38. GaanayogiSwarUtsava, (Dharwad)
39. RasBarseUtsava, (Chennai)
40. Bengaluru International Art Festival
41. Sri Krishna SangeetMahostav, Bhopal

Karnataka State Governments Festivals :

Celebrated by District Deputy commissioner's Office

42. Karnataka State GovtSangeethaNritya Academy Festival, Dharwad
43. PanditMallikarjun Mansur SangeetUstav, Dharwad
44. Pandit Kumar GandharvaSangeetSammelan, Belgaum
45. PanditBasavarajRajguruSangeetSammellan, Dharwad
46. HampiUtsav, Bellary
47. SangolliRayannaUtsava, Belgaum
48. Kittur Rani ChennammaUtsava, Kittur
49. LakkundiUtsav, Gadag
50. Kadambotsava, Banavasi
51. ChalukyaUtsava, Bagalkot
52. BanavasiUtsava, Banavasi
53. BelavadiMallammaUtsava, Belgaum
54. BasavaUtsav at Basavakalyan, Bidar
55. NavarasapurUtsav, Vijayapura
56. KanakagiriUtsava, Koppal
57. Dharwad Utsav, Dharwad
58. KaravaliUtsava, Mangalore
59. Veera Rani AbbakkaUtsava, Ullal, Dakshina Kannada
60. NalwadiKrishnarajawodeyarUtsava, Mysore
61. KempegowdaRashtriyaUtsav 2017, Belgaum
62. RannaUstavaMudhol, Bagalkot etc.,

Uttar Pradesh Government

63. Ganga Mahotsav UP. Govts (Varanasi)

64. TajMahalMahotsav (Varanasi)
65. KashiVishwanath Festival, Benares

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Government

66. SriKalahasti Temple, Chittoor Andhra Pradesh Government
67. Nadaneerajanam, SVBC Tv, TirupatiTirumala temple, AP Govt
68. World Wind Festival (Visakhapatnam), AP Govt,
69. Spirit of Unity Concert, Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh)

Tamilnadu State Governments Festivals

70. Sri SakthiAmma, Vellore Sripuram, Tamilnadu
71. Sri JayendraSaraswathi Swamiji Association of Hindu Dharma, Tamilnadu
72. Sri Krishna SangitUtsavam , Chennai

Accompanied Hindustani Vocals with his GurujiUstad Rashid Khan in concerts:

73. Bombay BarkhaRitu , Ustad Rashid Khan , Banyan Tree ,
74. Chennai 'AadiAnant' Music Fest , 2015 Organised by Citi and NCPA ,
75. Splendour of Masters festival, Chennai Organised by Banyan Tree,
76. Jalsa - Music for the Soul', Art and Artistes , Kozhikode , Kerala ,
77. Sambhrama 2016 , Ustad Rashid Khan Live in concert, Bengaluru ,
78. The Hindu Nov Fest - 2016 , Chennai NaadNinaad , Jugalbandi of Ustad Rashid Khan and Sitar UstadShahidParvez Khan ,
79. The Hindu Nov Fest - 2016 , Hyderabad , NaadNinaadJugalbandi of Ustad Rashid Khan and Sitar UstadShahidParvez Khan,
80. Bengaluru 'AadiAnant' Music Fest , 2016 Organised by NCPA,
81. Ustad Rashid Khan , Live in concert , Hyderabad Krishna Kriti - 2017 ,
82. Dhvani Fest - 2017 , Bengaluru Kidney Foundation , 201
83. ChennaiyilThiruvaiyaru - Season 14, Ustad Rashid Khan , Live in concert , Chennai 2018
84. Ustad Rashid Khan at the Whitefield MusicFestival , 2019

Shehnai in Popular music:

He has been instrumental in taking the Shehnai music to masses through interpretation of films compositions of generations of music directors like MellisaiMannar MS Viswanathan, Maestro Ilaiyaraaja, ThenIsaiThendral Deva and Oscar Winner AR.Rahman. He has performed in classical concerts, in Jugalbandi (duets), and in film music.

Notable Jugalbandiperformances :

He has playedShehnaialongside many senior artistes like of India Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, UstadShahidParvez Khan, Pt. RonuMajumdar, Pt. Atul Kumar Upadhyay, UstadRafique&Shafique Khan along with Pt.S. Ballesh and was blessed to have the accompaniment of seniors like Pt Yogesh Samsi, Pt RavindraYavagal, and Pt Subhankar Banerjee.

Achievements:

Early in his career - he single-handedly played shehnai in Chennai in 1997, in the presence of UstadBismillah Khan Sahab& his sons other eminent artists where he gave an outstanding shehnai performance in RaagMadhuwanti and received standing ovation in the concert. Unlike vocal, performing solo on a word instrument like Shehnai is a really feat. He has also performed in many Jugalbandhi concerts with Hindustani & Carnatic musicians. He has sung and played shehnai for more than 1000 background-score's and 2000 film

songs and around 3000 devotional songs. He has also sung Hindustani music Alaaps for films and had also collaborated Shehnai with International musicians in recording.

Popular Musical Collaborations:

Pt Ballesh&Dr.KrishnaBallesh duo played Shehnai in the Hollywood movie “ TheHunderd Foot Journey - 2014” for the track India Calling.

He also played for **M.M. Keeravani** for Baahubali movie He has also worked with film music directors across India.

In **Kannada film music industry** he has worked with Hamsalekha, Sadhu Kokila , V. Manohar, L. Vaidyanathan, Guru Kiran, Hari Krishna, VeeraSamarath.

In **Bollywood film music industry** he has worked with KailashKher, Anu Malik, Pritham.

In **Tamil film music industry** he has worked with M.S. Viswanathan, Illayaraja, KunnakudiVaidyanathan , Sankar Ganesh , Deva, A.R. Rahman , Vidyasagar, S. A. Rajkumar , Drums Sivamani, T.Rajendran , Devi Sri Prasad (DSP), Vijaya Antony , G.V. Prakash .

In **Telugu film music industry** he has worked with M. M. Keeravani ,RajKoti, Vasu Rao, Thaman, Devi Sri Prasad (DSP), Anoop Rubens & S. P. Balasubrahmanyam.

In **Malayalam film music industry** he has worked with ShyamJoseph (composer), S. P. Venkatesh& M. Jayachandran.

Taking the Shehnai to a global audience :

Krishna Ballesh has extensively travelled in India and Abroad. His concert tours have included countries like United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Netherlands, France, Belgium, Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Srilanka, Indonesia, Philippines and many more countries over a span of 20 years. On several occasions, he has been invited or sponsored by government music festivals.

Contribution to the Society :

Preserving Classical traditions and Nurturing environment for Shastriya Hindustani Sangeet,

Tansen Academy of Music

My father Pandit Dr. S. Ballesh and Dr. Krishna Ballesh established the "Tansen Academy of Music" School in 2011 and has been teaching Hindustani, Carnatic, screen music, devotional songs and musical instruments to over 1000 people in Chennai, Trichy, Coimbatore, Bangalore and around the world (online). Krishna is the founder of Tansen Academy of Music, which organises “UstadBismillah Khan ShehnaiMahostav and RasBarseUtsav” Music festivals in memory of UstadBismillah Khan saab. He teaches Shehnai and classical Hindustani vocals and also screen music songs to **Autism Children with Disabilities**, and for **Special need childrensand also for Visually Impaired Students**and all of them are given the opportunity to perform at the annual GanayogiSangeetUtsav and TaanUtsav music festivals. Every year, our music school students organise an event called "RusBarse" in memory of our Guru UstadBismillah Khan. Our school aims to spread music all over the world. At our school, people between the ages of 6 and 70 (IAS Officers, Retired Judge, Police, Lawyer, Playback Singers and Musicians) work with us to learn music wholeheartedly. Students from other parts of our school such as Trichy, Coimbatore, Madurai, Bangalore and Dharwad are also given the opportunity to sing on stage every year.

Promoting new talent :

Annual event RasBarseUtsav is a tribute concert in honour of Shehnai Maestro Bharat RatnaUstadBismillah Khan and ShehnaiSamrat Pt SannaBharamanna. This event is organised every year by the academy students under the aegis of Tansen Academy and supervisory board of the BK Shehnai Foundation in Chennai. It provides a platform to bring the best musicians of Hindustani Gharanas to perform at Chennai and confers the UstadBismillah Khan National award to performing legends and Yuva Kala puraskar award on upcoming artistes.

The Utsav has the support of senior artistes like Awardees include ...

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