

SAWANI SHENDE-SATHAYE

Footprints:-

Sawani is born in a musically rich family. She was introduced to Indian Classical Music at a tender age of only six by her grandmother, Smt.Kusum Shende , herself a noted singer of the Kirana Gharana and an honoured artist of the Sangeet Natak Era. Sawani's father, Dr.Sanjeev Shende, a disciple of Smt.Shobha Gurtu, has groomed her in semi classical genres like Thumri, Dadra, Kajri, etc. Quest for more and more knowledge in music brought Sawani to learn more music under the expert guidance of Dr. Smt.Veena Sahasrabuddhe, a noted classical vocalist from Gwalior Gharana.

Debut:-

Sawani made her first debut at the age of 10 to celebrate her grandmother's 61st birthday. The journey of concerts started when Sawani was invited to perform at the prestigious Pt.Vishnu Digambar Jayanti Samaroh in Delhi when she was just 13. On the same day, in the evening, Sawani was honoured when she performed for the then President of India, honourable,Mr.R.Venkatraman at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.Since then she has never looked back.

Her Gurus:-

*Smt. Kusum Shende.
Dr.Sanjeev Shende
Dr.Veena Sahasrabuddhe.*

Her Music:-

Sawani's music is a beautiful soul searching combination of the Kirana and the Gwalior Gharana, where she mesmerizes audiences with enchanting melody and strength of both. Sawani's confidence and mastery in Khayals, her crystal clear diction and overall sensitivity in presentation takes every performance to a very high aesthetic level. Her rendition of semi-classical genres highlights the emotive and expressive quality of Indian classical music and adds a very important dimension to her performance leaving audiences spellbound.

Awards:-

- **Sangeet Natak Academy – Ustad Bismillah Kha Yuva Puraskar** at the hands of Governor of Meghalaya in Sep 2018
- **Maharashtra Govt. State Award for the Best Playback Singer** for the marathi film “Asehi Ekda Vhave” in 2018.
- **“Aditya Birla Kala Kiran Puraskar”** at the hands of Governor of Maharashtra in 2017.
- **Ma Ta (Maharashtra Times) म.टा.सन्मान Award for Best Playback Singer** for the film Taptapadi in 2015
- **Tara Award for the World Album – “Beyond Love Within” in Tibet**
- **Rotary Vocational Excellence Award for the year 2011-2012.**
- **“Pandit Jasraj Gaurav Puraskar”** at the hands of Tablanawaz Allarkhansahab.
- **“Manik Varma Memorial Award”** at the hands of Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar.
- **RAPA National Award for the best playback singer for the Marathi Serial- “Zhaale Mokale Aakash”.**
- **“Pune Ki Aasha” Award.**
- **“Swaronmesh Puraskar”** at the hands of Pandit Bhimsen Joshi.
- **“Rasikagrani Pandit Dattopanta Deshpande Memorial Award”.**
- **“Vishwa Sangeet Ratna Award”.**
- **“Pandit Ramkrishnabua Vaze Award”.**
- **“Indradhanu Yuvonmesh Award”.**
- **IRAA Award for the Best Artist of the year 2011.**

Honour for her creation:-

- **“Hriday Swar”** a book of self-composed bandishis along with a set of 2 CDs. The book and CD's were inaugurated at the hands of Sangeet Martand Padmavibhushan **Pandit Jasrajji** and Hon. (Former) Chief Minister of Maharashtra, **Shri. Vilasrao Deshmukh** on 10th Aug '08.

International Honour:-

Sawani is proud to represent India in the World Album **“Awakening – Beyond”** and **BEYOND “Love Within”** where various singers are representing their own culture and country for spreading love and peace all over the world. The albums were released in Dec 2017 and May 2014 by Beyond Music & Universal Music Company respectively.

Cassettes and CDs:-

- **“Awakening Beyond”** – Beyond Music
- **BEYOND-“Love Within”**- Universal Music Company
- **“Swaravishkar”** an album of Hindustani Classical Vocal – Times Music
- **“Swaranubhooti”** an album of Hindustani Classical Vocal – Times Music
- **“Devi Aavahan”** an album by EMI Music.
- **“Aum”** a Divine Mantra for Meditation by EMI Music.
- **“Sampoorna Garbha Sanskar”** an album by EMI Music.
- **“Ganesh Smaran”** an album in devotion to the removal of obstacles – Times music
- **“Sandhya”** released by Kalakendra, Portland, USA.
- **“Barase Badariya”**- an album of Meera Bhajans - Fountain Music.
- **“Siddhi Buddhi”**- an album on Lord Ganesha - Times Music.
- **“Swarabhaav”**- a Bhavgeet album - Megh Music Co.
- **“Raag Rang”** - a set of 2 cassettes - Alurkar Music Co.
- **“Sahelariya Gaaori Aaj”**- a set of 2 cassettes released by Bank Of Maharashtra.
- **“Sawalee”** an award winning Marathi film.
- **“Rasili Thumri”** an album of Thumri composed by Pt. Sanjeev Shende. - Fountain Music.
- **“Tuzhi Sawalee De”** a CD of Marathi Ghazals – Fountain Music.
- **“Ritu Rang”** a set of 2 CDs based on the theme of Raagas for different seasons by N.A. Classics.
- **“Abhilasha”** an album of Hindustani Classical Vocals.

Prestigious Concerts - India

- Harivallabh Music Festival, Jalandhar.
- Sawai Gandharva Music Festival, Pune 2010 and 2018.
- Concert at Rashtrapati Bhavan at the age of 12 in front of the Honourable President of India, Mr.R. Venkatraman.
- Vishnu Digambar Jayanti Samaroh, Delhi.
- Tansen Sangeet Sammelan, Gwalior.
- Sangeet Research Academy, Kolkata.
- IMA (Indian Music Academy) Jalsa, Ahmedabad
- NCPA, Mumbai.
- Kesarbai Kerkar Sangeet Sammelan, Kala Academy, Goa.
- Pandit Kumar Gandharva Conference- Devas
- Sawai Gandharva, Kungol.
- Sawai Gandharva Mahotsav-Goa.
- Pancham Nishad, Mumbai.
- Saanand Nyaas, Indore.
- Idea Jalsa-Indian Music Academy at Ahmedabad.

- *Dadar Matunga Cultural Centre, Dadar Mumbai.*
- *Surel Sabha, Pune.*
- *Dharwad Music Festival, Bangalore.*

Concert Tours – Abroad

- *Performed at Global Chitpavan Sammelan, Dubai: 2017*
- *Performed at Bishal Sangeet Mahotsav, Singapore: 2017*
- *Performed at Stockholm Sangeet Conference, Sweden: 2016*
- *A concert tour of Switzerland: 2012*
- *A concert tour to Qatar: 2011.*
- *An invitation by Swiss Govt. for performing 2 concerts at Zurich, Switzerland :2010*
- *Concert tour of 22 programs in USA: 2006.*
- *A concert tour to Qatar: 2001.*
- *A concert tour to USA and Canada: 1998.*

Other Achievements:-

- *Playback for the Marathi film ” Asehi Ekda Vhave ”released in March 2018.*
- *Playback for all the songs in the Marathi film ”Taptapadi” released in March 2014.*
- *Associated with the online “Shankar Mahadevan Music Academy” in promoting Indian Classical Music globally.*
- *Judge for “Idea Sa Re Ga Ma Pa” competition on Zee Marathi TV Channel.*
- *Playback for the award-winning Marathi film “Sawalee”.*
- *Awarded with National Cultural Talent Search Scholarship.*
- *Playback for the film “Kairee”, directed by Mr.Amol Palekar.*
- *Playback for the “Sound and Light” show of Shaniwarwada, Pune.*
- *Playback for the Marathi Serial “Peshwai”.*
- *Playback for the Marathi Serial “Ek Hota Raja”.*
- *Playback for the Marathi Serial “Zhaale Mokale Aakaash”.*
- *One of her poems has been chosen by the International Library of Poetry, USA to be recorded in the album “Sound Of Poetry”.*

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