



Assistant High Commission of India, Khulna

Press Release
The Malhar Festival 2019

The Assistant High Commission of India (AHCI), Khulna in association with UdichiShilpigosthi, Khulna is organizing the “**Malhar Festival**” for the first time in Khulna city on 28th July 2019 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 pm at **CSS Ava Centre, 82 Rupsha Strand Road, Khulna**. Two highly renowned artists from India, namely, PanditDebojyoti Bose (Sarod) and PanditSubhankar Banerjee (Tabla) will be performing at this musical festival.

The Malhar Festival is a musical bonanza that welcomes rain through blissful classical raag. This festival presents a great opportunity for the people of Khulna to witness well-known artists from India rendering some of their best compositions. It also is a great learning experience for music enthusiasts who love classical music. Khulna is considered to be the capital of folk dance and classical music and, hence, the Malhar Festival has been organized to celebrate the cultural-spirit of Khulna.

The details of the artists are as follows:

PanditSubhankar Banerjee:

A classical Tablavirtuoso Pt. Subhankar Banerjee has been considered as a torch bearer of Indian music due to his scintillating and versatile musical style. His consistently brilliant performances have brought him much fame in India and worldwide. He also happens to be one of the most popular accompanists to many of India’s greatest musicians and dancers.

His performances such as at the “NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CONCERT”, “FESTIVAL OF INDIA in Brazil”, SOUTH AFRICA, “ASIAN FANTASY CONCERT in JAPAN”, performance in London with the Symphony Orchestra, were all very well received. He has also had the honor of being ranked as the youngest “TOP GRADE TABLA PLAYER” by ALL INDIA RADIO.

PanditDebojyoti Bose:

PanditDebojyoti Bose, alias Tony, was born in a family of passionate musicians, on the 20th day of December 1962 at Kolkata. He is the fourth generation musician in the Bose family. His great grandfather **Sri Akshay Kumar Bose**, a jaminder of Pankobil in Jessore, now in Bangladesh, was passionate about the table—a passion which was passed on to the generations that followed. Since Debojyoti hails from an illustrious family of *tabla* players, he has the amazing talent of being able to seamlessly blend the *tabla* with his *sarod* recitals.

He has given his performance in many famous musical festivals in India and abroad, such as at The Dover Lane Music Conference (Kolkata), Sarod Festival (Delhi), TansenSamaroh (Gwalior), Parampara Concert ICCR (Delhi), etc. He has performed in all the major cities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Asia.

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