

# flute SISTERS



## Background

Suchismita and Debopriya sisters, born at Allahabad hail from a family of musicians. Their parents Mr. Robin & Mrs. Krishna Chatterjee are well known musicians and have imparted early training of vocal music to them. Under the guidance of late Pandit Bholanath Prasanna, they received their initial flute training at Allahabad. Belonging to a family of musicians they were later inspired to, and have had the privilege of being disciples of the great flautist Padmavibhushan Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia.

## Music Academics

They completed their Bachelors & Masters in World Music with distinction from the "Rotterdam's World Music Conservatory", (Holland) in the year 1997-1998. They also studied western classical music apart from their main subject flute. They completed their "Sangeet Prabhakar" (Bachelor of Music) & "Sangeet Pravin" (Master of Music) from Prayag Sangeet Samiti – Allahabad in both Vocal & Flute as toppers.

They are graded artists of "Aakashwani" (Mumbai Kendra).

## Performances

They have had the honor & privilege of accompanying their guru on stage for various prestigious concerts in India and abroad. They have also performed individually at various music conferences and soirees, in Delhi, Aurangabad, Allahabad, Kolkata, Varanasi, Haryana, Pune, Bombay as well as in America, Austria, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, London, Dubai, Srilanka & Muscat. To name a few,

The Dover Lane Music Conference – Kolkata

Savai Gandharva Music Festival – Pune

Saptak Music festival- Ahmedad

Uttar Pada Music conference – Kolkata

IMT University Sangeet Sammelan – Gwalior

Sahara Jyoti Divas – Lucknow

Spic Macay Tour – Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh

Dr. Gangubai Hangal's Centenary Celebration - Hubli

They were one of few privileged to perform at the 75 th birthday celebrations of Shree Birju Maharaj at Kamani auditorium, Delhi.

## Achievements

They have performed in one of India's most prestigious conferences "Kal Ke Kalakar" where they were awarded the title "Sur Mani"

Their performance at "Swami Haridas Sangeet Sammelan" in December 2001, which is one of the most prestigious conferences of Indian Classical Music, was widely appreciated.

Debopriya was awarded the "Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar" for the year 2008 by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

They have been awarded the "Excellence Award 2012" by Sahara Parivar Lucknow.

Suchismita & Debopriya are one of the only performing women flautists and have a long way to go .....

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