

Kedar Pandit

The music maestro - Kedar Pandit.

Kedar Pandit started his journey in the music industry at a very young age, initially as a Tabla player. He began learning Tabla under the guidance of his guru, the late Pt. Yeshewant Kerkar. After the demise of his Guru, Kedar continued his journey of Tabla under Pt. Shridhar Padhye, a senior student of the late Pt. Yeshewant Kerkar.

Kedar's journey as a music director is a celebrated one with many accolades and accomplishments. As a music director, Kedar made his mark from the film Varhadi Jhatka Puneri Phatka.

After this successful stint, Kedar began composing for CDs, cassettes, and various albums. Being a multi-faceted music director, you can hear Kedar's tunes for-

- Albums
- Films
- Animation Films
- TV Serials
- Commercials
- Plays
- Dance Ballets
- And many more.

Kedar has composed albums of light music, fusion songs, Gazals, Raps, and Bhavgeet, while creating his niche as a spiritual and bhaktigeet composer.

With over 650 albums under his helm, Kedar has worked with an extensive range of singers of the industry, some of which include-

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| ▪ Pandit Jasraj | ▪ Shreya Ghoshal | ▪ Raghunandan Panshikar |
| ▪ Asha Bhonsale | ▪ Shaan | ▪ Arati Anklikar tikekar |
| ▪ Suresh Wadkar | ▪ Vijay Prakash | ▪ Vaishali Samant |
| ▪ Anuradha paudwal | ▪ Mika | ▪ Sawani Shende |
| ▪ Kavita Krishnamurthy | ▪ Uttara Kelkar | ▪ Bela Shende |
| ▪ Sanjeev Abhyankar | ▪ Asha Khadilkar | ▪ Ketaki Mategaonkar |
| ▪ Shankar mahadevan | ▪ Shobha Joshi | ▪ Swapnil Bandodkar |
| ▪ Devaki Pandit | ▪ Ranjana jogalekar | ▪ Avdhoot Gupte |
| ▪ Sadhana Sargam | ▪ Ravindra Sathe | ▪ Arya Ambekar |
| ▪ Ajay Pohankar | ▪ Ajit Kadkade | ▪ Prathamesh Laghate |
| ▪ Rattan Sharma | ▪ Shrikant Pargaonkar | ▪ Hrishikesh Ranade |
| ▪ Ustad Rashid Khan | ▪ Shaunak Abhisheki | ▪ Abhijeet Sawant |
| ▪ Roop Kumar Rathod | ▪ Rahul Deshpande | ▪ Prajakta Shukre |
| ▪ Rekha Bharadwaj | ▪ Anand Bhate | ▪ Vinay Ramdasan |

Apart from these, some of Kedar's most notable achievements are-

Antarnaad-

Antarnaad was an event organized by Shri Ravishankar's Art of Living, composed by Kedar Pandit. Antarnaad was one of a kind musical where Kedar Pandit orchestrated 2700 singers on one stage. The show was a pure musical retreat, and also made a World Guinness Book record!

Yuganyak Vivekananda- a Dance-Drama-Ballet

Kedar composed the music for and directed this Dance-Drama-Ballet, arranged by the Ramkrishna Mission, Pune commemorating 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekanand's speech at Chicago. The show was also performed in front of the former President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, and also carried multiple shows throughout the country.

Raagas on Tabla

Raagas on Tabla was a concept from the mind of both Kedar Pandit and Durga Jasraj, daughter of Pt. Jasraj Ji. The concept was to compose and perform melodies on the Tabla. Taking up the challenge, Kedar Pandit, with 3 Tabla players created melodies and Raagas, which were performed on Tabla! The composition had hit shows all over India from Delhi, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and many more cities.

Life as a Tabla Player

During his course as a Tabla player, Kedar has played for various streams, adding to his versatility in music.

As a professional classical Tabla player, Kedar has played Tabla alongside a number of renowned artists. Some of his most celebrated moments on stage are with,

- Pandit Jasaraj
- Smt. Kishori Amonkar
- Pt. C.R. Vyas
- Pt. Jitendra Abhisheki
- Pt. Rajan Sajan Mishra
- Pt. Prabhakar Karekar
- Pt. Ajay Pohankar
- Smt. Shruti Sadolikar
- Smt. Asha Khadilkar

He has also shared the stage with some of the most accomplished classical singers of the newer generation,

- Sanjeev Abhyankar
- Devki Pandit
- Aarati Ankalikar Tikekar
- Ashwini Bhide
- Jayteerth Mewundi
- Rattan Sharma
- Shaunak Abhisheki
- Sawani Shende

Apart from classical concerts, Kedar has also performed light music and film music recordings. With this, Kedar has worked with some of the gems of the music industry like

- Lata Mangeshkar
 - Manna Day
 - Naushad
 - Laxmikant Pyarelal
 - Uttam Singh
 - Jatin-Lalit
 - Shankar Ehsaan Loy
 - Vanraj Bhatia
 - Ranjeet Barot
 - Louis Banks
 - Sudhir Phadke
 - Prabhakar Pandit
 - Yeshwant Deo
 - Ashok Patki
 - Shridhar Phadke
 - Anand Modak
- And many more.

Kedar has also travelled across the globe for concerts and various music conferences.

Awards

Kedar Pandit has been bestowed with several awards throughout his exceptional journey. Some of them include

- Mewati Gharana Puraskar
- Shaniwar Wada Mohotsav- Shaniwar Wada Puraskar
- Ashtapailu Sangitkar Puraskar- Sugam Sangeet Sammelan
- Keshavrao Bhole Puraskar- Sangitkar
- Times Music
- IRRRA – Jiya Laage Na - Best Composer