

MANJIRI ASNARE KELKAR
Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar
Hindustani Vocal Music



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An outstanding vocalist of her generation, she holds a post-graduate degree in English literature as well as a master's degree in music. A recipient of a scholarship from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, Shrimati Manjiri Kelkar is also an A-grade vocalist of All India Radio.

She has an impressive record of public performances in India and has been rated as one of the 'Faces of the Millenium' by India Today magazine and also as one of the 'Emerging Stars of India' by the Week magazine.

She has produced three audiocassettes and a CD published from Pune and London.

Shrimati Manjiri Asnare Kelkar receives the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for her notable talent in Hindustani vocal music.

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