

Shrimati Shobha Gurtu



Born in 1925 in Belgaum in a family of musicians, Shrimati Shobha Gurtu received her initial training in Hindustani vocal music from her mother Menakabai Shirodkar of the Atrauli-Jaipur *gharana*. She later received advanced training from Ustads Natthan Khan and Ghamman Khan as also Narayan Nath Gurtu.

Shrimati Shobha Gurtu has distinguished herself on the concert platform as a fine exponent of light classical music. She has a wide repertoire of *thumri*, *tappa*, *dadra* compositions, as also *ghazals* and *bhajans* which she renders with feeling. A popular broadcaster, she has a large number of gramophone records to her credit.

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For her eminence in music and her contribution to its enrichment Shrimati Shobha Gurtu receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Hindustani vocal music.

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