



**NAZEER AHMED KHAN WARSI
and NASEER AHMED KHAN WARSI**

Akademi Award: Qawwali

Shri Nazeer Ahmed Khan Warsi and Shri Naseer Ahmed Khan Warsi were born in 1965 and 1969, respectively, in Hyderabad. The brothers received their training in music from their father, Shri Zaheer Ahmed Khan Warsi, and their grandfather Aziz Ahmed Khan Warsi. They belong to the well-known Qawwal Bachchon ka Gharana.

The duo, popularly known as Warsi Brothers, have gained recognition as leading Qawwali performers. Their music bears the impress of the *gayaki* of the Delhi gharana, and is noted for its pure melody and improvisation. They are recognized specially for their Sufiyana Qawwali, and also for Ghazal-singing. The brothers have performed extensively in India and other countries. They are featured frequently on the media, including All India Radio and Doordarshan. They have produced a number of audio-cassettes and CDs of Qawwali.

For their outstanding contribution to Qawwali, the duo have been honoured by institutions in Hyderabad.

Shri Nazeer Ahmed Khan Warsi and Shri Naseer Ahmed Khan Warsi jointly receive the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for their contribution to Qawwali.