

RAHUL SHARMA

HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SANTOOR)



Shri Rahul Sharma was born on 25 September 1972 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He inherited the art of Santoor playing as a family tradition, and was initiated into the art by his father Shri Shivkumar Sharma.

Shri Rahul has carved a niche for himself in the world of Hindustani music, with over 50 released albums of various genres from classical to folk to New Age and World Music. He has performed widely in India and abroad in festivals such as the Womad and Edinburgh Festivals. He has many recordings to his credit such as *Akaash*, *In Hope of Peace*, *Music of the Himalayas*, *Sampradaya*, and *Beyond 100 Strings*. He has also composed music for films such as *Mujhse Dosti Karoge*. Shri Rahul has recorded music with the French pianist Richard Clayderman. He has also composed music for 'Namaste India' with the world-renowned saxophonist Kenny G, and 'Music of the Himalayas' for Peter Gabriel's label Read World Records. Rahul's New Age album *Zen* received the best instrumental album award from MTV Immies India.

Shri Rahul Sharma is awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi for the year 2011 for his notable talent in the field of Hindustani instrumental music.