

Dr Vinay Bharat Ram @ 80 : releases special music album 2016

Octogenarian singer **Dr Vinay Bharat Ram** is excited to release a collection of his recordings

Dr Vinay Bharat Ram has a multifaceted personality. He has successfully managed to balance his profession as well as passion. A renowned Indian classical singer, Vinay hails from the family of industrialists and currently holds the chairmanship of the DCM group. But his love for music cannot be regarded as a hobby. He has dedicated himself to the art and has reached the height only after decades of practice and hard work.



A few years back, kathak exponent Uma Sharma floated the idea of gathering the recordings of my concerts. When others also suggested the same, I decided to go ahead with it. Indian classical music is rich and it can be easily understood and learnt if we open our hearts to it. Modern music has its own set of followers. I feel there is a perfect harmony between the two.
Dr VINAY BHARAT RAM, classical musician

The Vasant Vihar resident developed his vocal skills under the tutelage of maestros like Pandit Ravi Shankar, Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Annapurna Devi (daughter of legendary Baba Allaudin Khan and former wife of Pandit Ravi Shankar). And his majestic voice and perseverance helped him to bag opportunities to perform across the world. So far he has performed at over 400 concerts. However, it hasn't come easy and even today the disciplinary man starts the day early. The slot between 5am and 8am is reserved for riyaz. The soonto-be-80 artiste claims, "Music is cocktail for me. I get drunk on it."

His upcoming release is a compilation of his music recordings. "The 12 CDs have recordings of my concerts from all over the world in the last four decades. There are more than 25 ragas in these CDs (all evening and late night ragas), based on love between Radha and Krishna," says Vinay.

*The unique album of Vinay's 60 – year – creative **raga** journey was released 19.12.2015 at a gala event attended by, among others, Pt Hariprasad Chaurasia, Ustad Aashish Khan and his "guru niece" Anoushka Shankar .*

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