Aditya Modak

1988 born Aditya Modak started learning Music at an early age of five from Shri. Chandrakant Parker for three years followed by Shri. Pradeep Dhond for four years. Aditya is one of the senior-most disciples of Gwalior Gharana Virtuoso and Guru Dr. Pt. Ram Deshpande and has been his disciple for more than two decades.

Aditya is an "A Grade" artist at *All India Radio*. He has also completed his *Sangeet Alankar* with distinction (*Vishesh Yogyata*). Aditya is also a Guru and has been imparting knowledge to his disciples across the globe in traditional Guru-Shishya Parampara. Aditya was recently awarded the most prestigious "*Panchakshari Gawai Puraskar*" in Dharwad, Karnataka from the hands of Padmashri Pt. Venkatesh Kumar. On the academic front, Aditya is a *Chartered Accountant* (first attempt).



He has won many Music competitions and received many Awards for excellence like:

- 1. Pt. Vishnu Digambar Paluskar Award for consecutive 2 years 2003-04
- 2. Yuva Sangeet Puraskar by Vedic Heritage, Hempstead, USA, 2008
- 3. Gold medal at Youth Festival and University Nationals for the years 2007, 2009 and 2011
- 4. Best Student Award by ML Dahanukar College of Commerce, 2009
- 5. Chaturang Foundation Award for the year 2011
- 6. Dr. Vasantrao Deshpande Award by SCZCC, Ministry of Culture, 2014
- 7. Dr. Shrirang Sangoram Puraskar by Gaanvardhan, Pune, 2014

Aditya has many scholarships to his credit like *Pt. Sawai Gandharva scholarship*, *Pt. Bhimsen Joshi scholarship* and the *National Scholarship* awarded by Central Government.

Aditya has performed across the Globe in many prestigious music conferences like:

- 1. "Hridayesh Arts Music festival" held in Mumbai
- 2. "Dr. Vasantrao Deshpande Samaroha" held in Nagpur
- 3. "Kashi Sangeet Samaj Mahotsav" at Banaras
- 4. "Gwalior Sangeet Mahotsav" in Gwalior
- 5. "Yuva Mahotsav" by Sangeet Research Academy (ITC SRA)
- 6. "Ankur 2006" Music festival organized by Padmabhushan Dr. N. Rajam in the memory of Late Pt. Omkarnath Thakur.
- 7. "International Music Festival" organized by Vedic Heritage Inc., Hempstead, U.S.A.
- 8. Many other concerts across USA in Indiana, New York, Long Island and so on.
- 9. "Birla Matoshri Music Festival" in a concert organized by Vedic Heritage and Pt. Jasraj
- 10. "Dadar Matunga Cultural Centre" (DMCC) at many occasions and music festivals.
- 11. "Y.B Chavan Centre" organized by "Rangswar"
- 12. "Shakuntala Sangeet Sammelan" organized by Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, Vashi.

Besides being an internationally recognized Musician, Aditya is also a famous Actor and a Playback singer. Some of his big Acting achievements are:

- Aditya received the "FILMFARE" Award for Best Actor for his internationally acclaimed and Awardwinning debut film "The Disciple". His film bagged many accolades in all the prestigious Film Festivals like Venice International Film Festival, Torronto Film Festival, Lisbon and Sintra Film Festival, New York Film Festival and many more.
- Aditya was the Lead Playback Singer for the Marathi Series "Saare Tujhyach Sathi" on Sony Marathi. He also played a Character role in this series.
- 3. Aditya was also the Lead actor in the film "Gaan Yogi: based on the life of Pt. D. V. Paluskar