

Sweekar Sunil Katti – Sitar

Sweekar is blessed with a musical family. He began his Sitar training at an early age of 10 from his **Guru - his father Dr. Sunil Katti** who is well renowned Sitar and Santoor Maestro and also a Music Composer (Shank-Neel).

His **mother Dr. Vandana Katti** is a well known vocalist of the 'Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana'.

Sweekar belongs to '**Etawah Gharana**' (Imdadkhani Gharana) and follows the immensely appealing 'Gayaki Ang'. Sweekar has performed many Classical and Fusion Concerts at prestigious Music Festivals in India and Abroad. His electrifying yet soulful performances have been widely appreciated by the music lovers as well as critics.

Accolades:

- Sweekar has won the prestigious '**AVIDES-Acharya Vishwanath Dev Classical Talent_Compensation**' (**National level**) organized by '**Padmavibhushan Sangeet martand Pt. Jasraj**' held at New York (USA) in November 2010.
- Sweekar is a '**Gold Medalist**' in '**Sangeet Visbarad**' of the Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal and has received '**Naresh Belwalkar Award**' and '**Rangnath Dattatray Award**'.
- He is also a '**Gold Medalist**' in '**Master of Arts (M.A-Music)**' from the 'Shivaji University, Kolhapur'.



- He has received '*Scholarship*' from the '**Ministry of culture Govt. of India**' under the scheme of scholarship to young artists for the year 2009-10.
- He is a *Graded Artist* of the '**All India Radio (AIR)**' and gives regular performances.
- Sweekar's **Debut** Classical solo *Album* '**Sur Anant**' was released by Legendary Kathak Maestro '**Pt. Birju Maharaj**' and '**Begum Parveen Sultana**'.
- **He features in the List of "Young World Leaders" featured by "MOSAICQUE International Magazine"**.
- Sweekar has worked with Ace Western Composer '**Prof. Sandeep Bhagwati**' from Germany in his project of Indian music explorations '**Dhwani Sutras**'.
- Sweekar has worked with many '*Bollywood*' *Music directors* like Pritam, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Ustad Taufiq Qureshi to name a few.
- Sweekar is equally brilliant when it comes to '**Fusion Music**', having performed with the Top Most Musicians of the country like the '*Master of Percussion Ustad Taufiq Qureshi*' and the '*Legendary Drummer Ranjit Barot*'.
- He works on different concepts with various well known *Bands* like Vaditra, The Ensemble, Surya-The new Sun, Taal-Matrix etc.
- *He has keen interest in exploring new avenues of performance and contributes towards innovative ideas of blending different genres of Indian Classical and Fusion Music.*

Despite his young age, Sweekar comes across as a very mature artist. With his Talent and dedication he promises to carve out a place for himself amongst the leading Sitarists of the next generation.

Sweekar is an outstanding Sitar player. He is pursuing the art of Sitar with utmost dedication and determination. His talent, energy and musical personality is very unique.

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