

ANIRBAN BANERJEE (VOCALIST)

Anirban Banerjee was born on **2nd December, 1985** in **Kolkata, West Bengal, India**. He has taken initial training from his **mother, Mrs. Rina Banerjee** who is a well-known vocalist. He was also under the guidance of eminent vocalists, **Pandit Santanu Bandyopadhyay, Mrs. Sumitra Chakraborty** and **Ustad Jainul Abedin** for a while.

Anirban started learning music from his mother when he was very young. His first stage performance was also at a very tender age. As far as his academics are concerned, he is an engineer in Biotechnology. He also completed his M.Sc. in Microbiology and Immunology from **University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada**. Currently, he is a 4th year PhD candidate in Biology at **The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada** and is pursuing research in the field of Developmental Genetics. During his graduate studies, he has received many awards for teaching and mentoring undergraduate students. He has always kept keen interest in Hindustani Classical Music from childhood. He specializes in different genres of Eastern music, namely, **Shyama Sangeet, Bhajan, Ghazal** and **Sufi**. Anirban is unique in his vocal renditions because of his natural talents and spiritual inclination.

Anirban has performed and won in various inter-school and inter-college festivals throughout Kolkata. He has also performed in various prestigious programs throughout India, namely, the Indian Classical Music program organized by **Ustad Bahadur Khan Music Circle** in Kolkata, the cultural program organized by **The Indian Army (ECLU)** on the occasion of their Raising Day in Kolkata and at **Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters, Belur Math** on the auspicious occasion of the 173rd birthday of Sri Ramakrishna. Anirban has also performed in various programs in **Canada** organized by different **Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Indian** and **Canadian** communities and organizations. He also teaches vocal music in Canada.

An audio CD, '**Bhajananjali**' has been released from R.P. Techvision in the year 2012. He has performed in various programs on television in India and abroad. He received the **1st prize** in the year 2007-08 and **5th prize** in the year 2006-07 in the **National Level Competition** in the field of **Bhajan** organized by **The Dover Lane Music Conference**. He has been awarded **Pandit Harihar Shukla Memorial Challenge Cup** for securing 1st position in **Bhajan** and **Rotu Sen Memorial Challenge Cup** for obtaining highest marks in the vocal category by **The Dover Lane Music Conference** in the year 2007-08. He stood **1st** in the **State Level Competition** in the field of **Bhajan** in the year 2006-07 organized by '**Paschim Banga Rajya Sangeet Academy**' (**West Bengal State Music Academy**), Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal. He also stood **3rd** in the field of **Bhajan** in the same competition in the previous year 2005-06. He has successfully completed a **Music Appreciation Course** organized by '**Paschim Banga Rajya Sangeet Academy**' (**West Bengal State Music Academy**) in the year 2006. He has been awarded the '**Shilpi Award**' by **Lions Club of Calcutta, Victoria Garden** in the year 2004.

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